

Evening Customers.

For the accommodation of those who find it difficult to get out in the day time to pick out their Xmas Presents we will keep our store open until 10 p.m. each night from now until Xmas. **DO NOT PUT IT OFF** until the last few days when you will not have time to properly examine our stock, but come now and have us lay away what you want.

Challoner & Mitchell,
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THE WESTSIDE.

Christmas Work In Earnest Now

Did the Thanksgiving dinner cause dreams? Hope they were pleasant ones. From the way Christmas is getting in the air you could well have dreamed of that—waking thoughts as well as plum pudding are stuffs for dreams. Christmas! a few days off; nine days! Why it's right around the corner! The store will be a regular panorama from now till Christmas Eve—some people think that we are needlessly extravagant in store decorations. But you like them—hope you'll enjoy them, we have coming along. The store is beautiful; shall be more so—the beauty building will go on as though that was our only aim. Not quite. This is a store, first and foremost. Selling goods in a big, fair, liberal way is its business. But we owe much to the public—take the beauty we can give for the hand-shake we'd give if we could.

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It is our position clear to you? That we sell fine and rare silks and dress goods—each as intelligently as though we had just a fur store or a silk store or a dress goods store? Do you realize that the most famous paper maker has no mill and does not make paper? But he has the power to control and the output to sell—a great paper unker stands at the vat and another at the rolls. The Black Dress Goods stock is ample and rich—and varied to all the tangents of safety. The material at a

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a yard is right and worthy; the more important pieces at

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Jap Oranges, 50cts. box.
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MINCEMEAT all ready for the pie, and PLUM PUDDING all ready for the table.

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CAN BE PURCHASED with \$50 cash and 100 monthly instalments of \$12.50 each, without interest. Five-room cottage; double front lot, on car line; fifteen minutes' walk from postoffice.

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Look here! 3 lots and 6-roomed cottage in good repair right in town for \$1,400. Another lot and 6-roomed cottage close in for \$1,400.
Lot 50124 St. with good cottage, barn, fruit, etc., Fernwood road, close to Yates street. There is a bargain here for you.
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New 6-roomed cottage to let \$10; new 4-roomed cottage to let \$8.
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ONLY TWO LEFT.

Another of Brigham Young's Widows Passes Away.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 16.—A Salt Lake City dispatch announces the death of Emily Young, one of the widows of Brigham Young. This makes the seventeenth death among the 19 widows who mourned his death.

New Advertisements on Page 8.

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Toilet Cases, Manicure Cases, Odor Cases, Travelling Cases, Collar and Cuff Boxes.

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SHELLING BOERS AT MODDER RIVER

Demonstration by British Force Failed to Draw the Burghers From Their Positions.

CANADA IS READY WITH MORE MEN

No Word Has Been Received Regarding a Second Contingent—Australia's Offer Accepted—Casualties at Magersfontein Number Nine Hundred and Thirty-Six.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 16.—The desperate state of British arms in South Africa, as revealed by the defeat of General Buller at Tugela, while adding to the determination to send every available man to the front, caused something in the nature of a panic among the public.

Some of the comments go so far as to say that Great Britain stands "where she stood over a century back when American colonists, men of British and Dutch blood, were in arms."

Comments.

The Evening Standard declares the situation calls for all the equanimity, determination and perseverance of the Empire.

The Star urges the "commanding" of all the great English Atlantic liners for the transportation of reinforcements, adding: "The guilt of the government is superseded by the danger of the empire. We are thinking of an hostile Europe; we are thinking of India, and whatever happens we implore the government not to move another man from Calcutta or Bombay. We remember the mutiny."

The St. James Gazette is also apprehensive of foreign complications.

The Globe, after facing the situation and urging the immediate dispatch of reinforcements and the use of militia, continues: "And we cannot with equal confidence to the strong arms and loyal hearts of our fellow subjects in Canada and Australia. Those offers which were so liberally made and which were not so generously received at the beginning of the war will, we are confident, be renewed as the urgency of the contest reveals itself. They can see keenly as ourselves that not only our supremacy in Africa, but the maintenance of the empire is at stake."

The Pall Mall Gazette, in its review of the situation, says: "It is no use crying over spilt milk. Surprises of all sorts must be expected in war. Our position for the advance is intact. Nothing has occurred to shake our belief in Gen. Buller. Let us steadily trust him and furnish him as rapidly as possible with more guns and more horses and men."

War Office to be Reorganized.

The brave show kept up by the majority of organs voicing public opinion is powerless to stay the bitter grief and disappointment that pervades the length and breadth of the land, and the pent-up criticism of the military authorities is finding vent in quarters heretofore

studiously avoided as being premature structures on the war office or generals in the field, but it is now clear that unless some striking change for the better marks the course of British arms there bids fair to break over the head of the government a stream of indignation unknown since the Crimea.

The Associated Press gleams that the authorities have already decided that a reorganization of the war office is absolutely necessary, and that it must take place at an early day.

Praise for Canadians.

The St. James Gazette this week says: "The Canadian contingent show that their long home training and colonial campaigning experience have not been lost on them."

Former Canadian Commander.

General Montgomery Moore, appointed to succeed General Kelly-Kenny, in charge of mobilization at Aldershot, was formerly in command in Canada.

Feeling in London.

As the day proceeded the morning's attack of nervousness disappeared and the only permanent effect of the serious news was to cause a tighter clenching of fists and a more set determination to achieve the task the country has undertaken.

Cheering Departing Troops.

Departing troops were more vehemently cheered than usual, and the crowds themselves displayed even a more eager desire to reach the front.

Mobilizing Reserves and Militia.

There was little excitement at the war office, but orders were being issued in all directions for the mobilization of reserves and militia. The latter will replace regulars in the garrison towns.

Commander-in-Chief.

Queen Victoria was greatly concerned about the latest reverse. The commander-in-chief, Lord Roberts, was at Windsor Castle when the news arrived, and he took a special train to London.

The Maine.

The Duke of Connaught, surrounded by the ladies of the committee, presented the Queen's flag to Lady Randolph Churchill for the hospital ship, Maine. In the name of the Queen he thanked the American men and women "here and on the other side" who had "so nobly contributed to help the English sick and wounded."

WESTERN BORDER.

British Demonstration at Modder River—Boers Strengthening their Positions—News From Mafeking.

Modder River, Dec. 15.—During a demonstration in force this morning the British guns shelled the Boers for a couple of hours. The Boers did not reply until the British were retiring. The Boers are further entrenching and strengthening their old defences with the evident intention of fiercely disputing the control of the railroad.

"A Sad and Terrible Slaughter."

Pretoria, Dec. 13.—An official dispatch from Modder River says:

"The Boers captured a great quantity of loot, including 200 Lee-Netford, cases of cartridges and hundreds of magazines."

"Great numbers of British have retired from Two Rivers in the direction of Belmont."

"The loss of the British" was, very

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For Pure Drugs and Chemicals.

Eleven Guns Abandoned

General Buller Reports a Serious Reverse at the Tugela River.

Boers Opened Fire on Artillery Killing Thirteen Out of Eighteen Horses.

British Force Returned to Their Camp at Chieveley-Heavy Losses.

London, Dec. 16.—Lord Lansdowne has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

Chieveley Camp, Dec. 15.—(6.20 p.m.)—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 this morning. There are two formidable places in the Tugela river, and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart. My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left, Gen. Hildyard the right and Gen. Lytton to attack the centre and to support either.

Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage, and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however,

Attacked With Great Gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Comaught Rangers, I fear suffered a great deal. Col. I. G. Brooke was seriously wounded.

I then ordered Gen. Hildyard to advance, which he did, and his leading right, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge. At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had to support the attack, the 14th and 66th field batteries and six naval 12-pounders, quick-firers, under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river, in Lord's desire, to be within effective range.

It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for the troops in a donag, and

Desperate Efforts were made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish.

Another gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer, whose name I will obtain. Of the 18 horses 13 were killed, and as several drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed that they would be a shell mark. Not wishing to sacrifice life to a gallant attempt to force the passage unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.

Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right flank, but

Was Kept Back by mounted men under Lord Dundonald and part of Gen. Barton's brigade.

The day was immensely hot and trying to the troops, whose conduct was excellent.

We have abandoned 10 guns and lost by shell one.

The losses in Gen. Hart's brigade are, I fear, heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded is, I hope, not large. The 14th and 66th field batteries also suffered severe losses.

We have retired to our camp at Chieveley.

London Depressed.

The depression over the defeat of Great Britain's trusted and idolized commander is all the greater as during the last 48 hours there have been reports of the relief of Ladysmith. Yesterday the war office allowed it to be understood that the position of affairs in Natal was entirely satisfactory. The reaction is all the more pronounced on this account. The gloomy information came too late to reach the Service clubs, and only a few journalists and stragglers were waiting at the war office. It has hardly been realized that now, even after the experience of the week, that Gen. Buller could fail. Virtually nothing had been allowed to leak through regarding his preparations, but the public waited patiently in the confident belief that he was taking such time and precautions as would ensure success.

Press Comments.

The Standard says: "Gen. Buller's dispatch is a deplorable reading. It is the now familiar story of over-extended Boers and of British troops marching up, blindly almost, to the very muzzles of the enemy's rifles. It cannot be doubted that the moral effect will be to aggravate our difficulties over the whole field of operations. The country has discovered with annoyance and surprise that 'sophisticated' Boer farmers is about the fiercest work we have encountered since the Indian Mutiny. The commanders

have shown themselves able to give our generals useful but expensive lessons in modern tactics." The Times says: "Since the days of the Indian Mutiny the nation has not been confronted with so painful and anxious a situation. Plainly, Gen. Buller's advance is paralyzed for the moment as completely as Lord Methuen's and Gen. Gatacre's."

More Men. Immediately on receiving the news the war office decided to mobilize still another division and to replace the losses of artillery. The necessary reinforcements will be hurried off as speedily as possible. Fifteen transports are due to arrive at Capetown between December 17th and January 8th, with about 15,000 troops of all arms, but unless Gen. Buller is able to renew the attack, which is exceedingly doubtful, the British generals will be compelled for another fortnight or more to remain practically on the defensive.

Situation at Ladysmith. The latest dispatches indicate the continued bombardment of Ladysmith, which position is now perilous.

Chieveley's Command. Major-General Sir Herbert Charles Chieveley has been appointed to command the 14th brigade in the seventh division.

Will Give Information. Washington, Dec. 15.—United States Consul Mr. Macrum has cabled the state department from Pretoria that the Transvaal government has informed him that full reports will be given through the war office of the Republic of the names and conditions of British prisoners when applied for by the British authorities. Mr. Macrum has secured the release of the British subject, Robert, son, a civilian, who had been arrested by the Boers and confined at Pretoria on the charge of being a spy, on condition that he leave the country at once and remain out of it.

Story Denied. Waterford, Ireland, Dec. 15.—The story printed in the Freeman's Journal to the effect that the members of the Royal Irish Regiment, while enroute on their way to South Africa for this port on Wednesday sang "God Save Ireland," cheered the Boers and President Kruger, and threw their rifles into the river, is absolutely unfounded.

Nothing whatever occurred among the men beyond the pathetic lamentations which have been witnessed at all similar embarkations.

EXAMINE THE TONGUE. The skilled physician reads your condition by a glance at your tongue. If it is coated, and you have a bitter taste in your mouth in the morning he knows your liver is torpid and sluggish and prescribes the use of Dr. Cass's Kidney-Liver Pills. They cure biliousness, stomach troubles, and all liver and kidney disorders. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box. At all druggists.

From two of its consular officers, Consul-General Turner at Ottawa and Commercial Agent Shott at Seattle, Mr. Macrum, the United States state department has received notice of intended action by the Canadian government to prevent the exportation of nickel ores and nickel matte, which they say will have most important and disastrous results on the nickel refining industry in the United States.

Henry C. Landis, secretary of the Baltimore Board of Trade and one of the most prominent insurance men of the city, committed suicide yesterday.

"A Good Paymaster Starts Not at Assurances."

There is one good paymaster who is around on time, gives full value, and never fails in his duty. It is your privilege to select him, and his name is pure, wholesome blood. This paymaster makes the rounds of the body, visits brain, stomach, kidneys, liver, heart and head alike. Hood's Sarsaparilla acts as a guarantor that this paymaster will do his duty.

If the blood is impure, it cannot do its duty, and you are the sufferer, but you need not be. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies, vitalizes and enriches the blood. It never disappoints.

Hood's Sarsaparilla was troubled with boils for months. When advised to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after using a few bottles he was not only cured, but his skin was clear and his blood pure.

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The Natal Force

An interesting letter from a Special Correspondent of the London Times.

He Tells of the Situation at Ladysmith Up to October 17th.

The following letter, dated Ladysmith, Oct. 17th, appeared in a recent issue of the London Times.

Dusty little Ladysmith is now the centre of all that the British Empire can do for the immediate defence of Natal. This all but being sufficient to guarantee the security of the country against invasion it is impossible not to appreciate the confidence which the colonists have placed in the military authorities. If it was not for the military occupation of the camp and the turmoil of the arriving "supply" of an army, the casual visitor would never realize that the township was controlled by martial law, that a town guard of citizens mounted every night, and that an enemy was actually at the gates. Business proceeds as usual, ladies give and attend tea parties, and the majority of men are well as they perform their duties just as they would do in ordinary circumstances. It is a quiet, little place, Ladysmith, just a little town nestled in one of the dips of a vast rolling veldt; hugging a kopje and a rivulet, and growing a few green trees where the rest of the plain is bare and brown—a town of one street and a few detached houses, that is all. Yet it would seem that within two months it will have become

A Township With a History. For it is impossible to forget what a week or two days may mean here. Now it is the living centre of the force in Natal. Every hour trains roll into the station, and the little station is the scene of every conceivable assortment of war stores. Dutch wagons with spans of ten to fourteen oxen, mule trolics, water carts, and pack trains, through the two miles through the valley, are the scene of every conceivable assortment of war stores. Dutch wagons with spans of ten to fourteen oxen, mule trolics, water carts, and pack trains, through the two miles through the valley, are the scene of every conceivable assortment of war stores.

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The Boers in Force could not hope to evade Dundee without exposing one or both flanks to attack. It was a desperate gamble, and one which the Boers were not prepared to take.

The camp at Dundee is situated in a fine open plain, two miles from the town, and 5,000 yards south of the Imparture river. The river is the line of communication between the two towns, and the Boers will be very chary of attacking. Three miles west of Dundee is Glencoe, the junction of the Newcastle line. This is held by a battalion and a battery. Behind Glencoe lies the Biggarsberg range with the railway crossing it to Ladysmith. The river over which the line is constructed is not a difficult one; far from it, the valley which is skirted throughout is a broad and open one, and is wooded and well cultivated. It lies between the Hattakun and Indusand ranges, and is a valley in which it would be difficult for a hostile force to advance without being met by the Glencoe garrison. But with insufficient cavalry the line of communication is vulnerable. The bluff ridges of the Biggarsberg tend to make it so, for as far as can be learned from the disposition of the forces there is nothing to prevent the enemy from detaching a portion of a commando from the western border, which, evading the semi-loyal outposts of Helmskaar, could sweep unopposed the southern fringe of the Biggarsberg and

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Military Matters

For the Marine Hospital—Staff Surgeon Patrick B. Handyside, M.B., has been posted in orders to the Warrenton for Esquimaux hospital.

No. 2's Smoker.—I omitted last week to mention the smoker given by old No. 2 Co. for the purpose of marking in a fitting way the end of their organization as a company. The event was a most enjoyable one and indeed was one of the best smokers ever given in the drill hall.

Col. Lake's Promotion.—Major and Brevet Lieut. Col. H. N. Lake, Esq., has been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Canadian militia, receiving the brevet of lieutenant-colonel on giving up the appointment.

Two Eager Officers.—It is a source of no small gratification to learn upon the authority of Col. Prior that both himself and Col. Gregory volunteered their services to the government for the South African contingent. Little wonder that with two such enthusiastic soldiers as commanding officers, where should be a long list of volunteers ready to go from the Fifth Regiment to South Africa with the second contingent should one be selected.

The Military Expert.—The "military expert" who writes of a campaign he does not see is becoming something of a bore in connection with the South African business. He conjures up dangers and drawbacks and failures, actual or impending, with almost every step in the campaign. He makes readers tired. The best military experts are saying nothing. They are busy rounding up the Boers.

The General's Approval.—While on his visit to this province Major-General Hutton made close inquiry into the methods pursued by the local rifle association in the disposition of prizes and expressed himself as delighted with the plan adopted by the executive to encourage young shots, the system being already familiar to readers of this column. So well pleased was he with it that he expressed his intention of recommending it to all the Eastern associations.

Tommy's Plum Pudding.—The ten tons of plum pudding that are being sent to the British troops for Christmas are the gift of one firm of caterers in London. The puddings will number 22,400, and will so vary in size that some will be meant for two soldiers, some for four, some for six and some for eight. As there will be, all told, 70,000 men in the field at Christmas time, some idea may be had of the havoc that will be wrought if all of the puddings are eaten at one sitting.

The Old 100th and the Canucks.—On the departure of the Nova Scotia company of the Canadian contingent for the Transvaal from Halifax, on the 26th October, the band and drums of the 1st Battalion Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) played them through the city to the railway station to the strains of the "Empire March." The fitting and courteous act which was greatly appreciated. It has now been settled that the battalion will remain at Halifax, N.S., instead of proceeding to Cork.

He Didn't Play the Game.—The expressions and habits of the cricket expert follow British officers even on active service. An English exchange says: "That good all-round sportsman, the late Sir John Astley used to keep wicket for no regimental cricketing team, when no wicket keeper with a long stop, and a very smart private for his long stop, indeed it was avowed that he never let a single ball go by him. On one occasion Sir John Astley was leading his men when they were exposed to fire from a Russian battery, and had a narrow escape from a cannon ball, when he turned round and said, 'Thank you, sir, replied the private, 'I let that one go by.'"

Col. Peter's Suggestion.—At the meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association last Saturday night a suggestion was made by the D.O.C. which has many features to commend it to those who have at heart the best interests of the militia in this province. Col. Peters stated that he had become convinced that in fairness to the up country rifle men, the rule which has hitherto prevailed in regard to the grants made by the government to the association should be suspended. While militia companies existed only at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster it was quite right and proper that these funds should be devoted to a prize meeting at some central point. With the organization of companies in the Hornby and Kootenay towns all this had been changed and the D.O.C. now recommends that the total appropriation be divided in proportion to their strength among all the companies of the province. This would probably be a death blow to the British Columbia Rifle Association, at least as it is presently constituted, but it is an offer of justice which cannot be denied. At the same meeting the following were elected to represent Victoria on the association: Col. Gregory, Major Williams and Sergeants Lettice and Winsley.

The Archbishops.—The Archbishops, Captain James Starlin, which relieves the Amphion on this station, left Devonport on her long voyage on November 27th. She was inspected a few days previously by Admiral Sir Nathaniel Boscawen, South, commander-in-chief of the Navy. Her commissioning trial was very successful. Since her return from the Mediterranean she has had a thorough overhaul to en-

able her to serve two commissions abroad. The Naval and Military Record, commenting upon her appearance remarks that "while not so 'salty' looking as when she was last seen in the Mediterranean, she is nevertheless a most efficient vessel." This is saying a great deal when it is remembered that the vessel was built early in the eighties. Her speed of eighteen knots compares favorably with more modern vessels. Before leaving Sheerness she swung for the adjustment of her compass, and the shipment of war department stores completed. Her commander is Captain James Starlin, who achieved distinction during the Benin expedition. Other officers posted to the Archbush include Lieut. A. A. Rombold-Pearse, W. N. England, Henry Butterworth (for navigating duties), Edward Hughes and Arthur T. Dorey; Sub-Lieut. Augustine E. Ruden, Gunter W. Barlow, Boatwain W. Rump, Assistant Paymaster Richard R. Hamer, Carpenter Fred Lawrence, Staff Surgeon Joseph A. Moon, Chief Engineer Charles J. James, Assistant Engineer Thomas Pearce, Probationary Assistant Engineer Frank A. Butler.

Sage Advice.—Col. Baden Powell, whose fame is just at present in everyone's mouth, is the author of a work on "Aids to the Study of Nature," just issued by Gals and Polden. In referring to his duties, the author says: "It is comparatively easy for a man in the heat and excitement of battle, where everyone is striving to be first, to dash out before the rest and do some gallant deed; but it is another thing for a man to take his life in his hand to carry out some extra dangerous bit of scouting on his own account, where there is no applause, and it might be just as easy for him to go back; that is a true bit of hero's work, and yet it is what a scout does continually as all in the day's work." It is his own pluck and ability that enables him to do his work with success. For these reasons the scout on service is looked upon with the greatest respect and admiration by his comrades. The colonel gives the scout this characteristic advice: "When in doubt as to whether to go on or go back, think of the Zulu saying, 'If we go forward we die, if we go backward we die; better go forward and die.' This paragraph is typical of the sportsman: 'It is also like a game of football. You are selected to forward a player. Play the game, play that your side may win. Don't think of your own glorification or your own risks—your side are backing you up. Play up and make the best of every chance you get. Football is a good game, but better than it, better than any other game, is that of man-hunting. But like all other games, it is no use your going in for it without previous training, and I hope that what I have said above may be of some use to him who takes a disinterested part in the best sport in the world, namely, scouting.'"

Kipling on the Navy.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling presided last night at a public meeting under the auspices of the Navy League, held in Rottingdean school room. He said: "It is my very great honor to introduce to you tonight Mr. Wyatt, who has been good enough to come down to us on behalf of the Navy League to tell us a few facts that we do not know about Her Majesty's navy. In this maritime village there are a few things about Her Majesty's navy we do not know. We sit on the beach and see occasionally a cloud of smoke in the distance, and the coast-guard says 'It is a man-of-war,' but it never occurs to us what it is. We see a ship at sea, and think very hard to understand cover of these few puffs of smoke we are sending away a police detachment of 95,000 men and other things—tanks and horses and hundreds of tons of stores—to get at some people who have interfered with our ideas of right and wrong at a distance of 6,000 miles away, and that it is only possible to do these things by and through the very insignificant naval force which at present we possess. Now, Mr. Wyatt is going to tell us this evening how the birth of that force came about, how, little by little, it grew from the few ships King Alfred had, through Elizabethan times, through the neglect of later times and the wars of the last century, to the present day, when it is the most magnificent and efficient weapon we find it. The object of the Navy League is simply to create a certain public opinion which shall announce its willingness and readiness to pay taxes in order that the navy may be efficient, may be strong, and, above all things, may not fail us in the hour of need."—London Times.

The Queen's Gift.—The Broad Arrow says: "Her Majesty the Queen may be trusted to do always just the right thing in the just right way. We have seen evidence of this fact in the intended present to the troops now serving in South Africa. To those who understand the British soldier, and whose lot it has been, or is, to serve with him, it will be readily understood how much he will appreciate and value the Queen's contemplated gift. It is the kind thought and sympathy which will be so highly prized, although the form of the gift itself will bring comfort to many a weary man. It would be hard to hit on anything more appropriate than this chocolate, whilst the special tins, which are to enclose it will long be prized in many a humble home. 'South Africa, 1900,' in years to come will bring back many a recollection of hardships endured, and we trust also, of triumphs achieved. The coming year soldiers will look, too, on the Queen's gift, and will learn from the present campaign that such a sovereign was indeed worth fighting for, and, if need be, suffering for also. In connection with Her Majesty's gracious gift a curious situation is reported. The presentation of the best edible chocolate to these heads are members of the old and respected Society of Friends, who are also advocates of the doctrine of peace at any price. It is against the principles of the Society to enter into contracts for the supply of military stores, more especially to an army engaged in actual warfare in the field, and so the good Quaker conscience, it is said, received a wrench in the order to supply the Queen's present to her soldiers. The head of one leading firm regarded the Royal idea as a beautiful one, and

was ready to supply what was required at actual cost on the condition that neither the chocolate nor the tin boxes should bear the name of the firm. This, however, was refused, and the firm was obliged to supply the chocolate in the name of the accepted guarantor. The difficulty has happily been got over by all the firms consenting to this arrangement, which has come to the conclusion that the order is to be regarded as a private matter, in no way compromising them as taking part in anything directly concerned with war. It is not always that contending principles and practice are so readily reconciled. Many years ago, according to an old story, a Quaker merchant of Birmingham was upland for supplying muskets to natives on the west coast of Africa with whom we were then fighting, but the man of peace reminded his cousin that he also supplied the powder—which had been found useless—and so there was compensation combining piety with profit. The story—an old chestnut—is likely enough to have no foundation but in fact, in the present instance it is satisfactory to find that representatives of the worthy Society of Friends have been able to assist in carrying out a gracious act in a generous way—sacrificing their profits without sacrificing their principles."

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If you are suffering from the consequences of impure blood—have boils, pimples, or scrofula sores, if your face is not clear, or you suffer from catarrh or rheumatism, you are the one who should take Hood's Sufferers. It will fit your case exactly—make your blood pure and cure salt rheum, scrofula, rheumatism, dyspepsia, catarrh, and give you perfect health.

HOOD'S PILLS cure all liver ills. Non-irritating.

MORE STREET WORK.
The Council Order.—Some Long Asked For Improvements.

The mayor and seven of the aldermen met in committee last evening to decide upon the best way in which to expend the amount of unappropriated money at their disposal. The absentees were Ald. Brydon and Williams.

The total amount to be expended appeared to be \$1,573, and of this \$250 will be expended for the benefit of the people of the western suburb; \$210 going for the purpose of erecting the much needed light on the Indian reserve thoroughfare and \$20 for the repair of the sidewalk on the north side of Craigflower road.

Following recommendations of the city engineer were adopted:
Drainage of the McTavish property, applied for by Hon. J. S. Hemlock, M. D., on November 20th, at an estimated cost of \$180.

Sidewalk on south side of Cadboro Bay road, between Pemberton road and Charles street, as applied for November 20th, \$160.

Extension of drain on Stanley avenue, as applied for by G. C. Mesher, December 11th, \$145.

Sidewalk on east side of Oswego street, between Simcoe and Michigan, as applied for November 20th, \$112.

Sidewalk on west side of Oswego street, between Kingston and Michigan, as applied for November 20th, \$100.

Improvement of the easterly portion of David street, as applied for by Dr. F. W. Hall, November 20th, \$100.

Drain through Lydia and Howard streets, \$85.

Sidewalk on Springfield avenue, west side, between the new and the old Esquimaux roads, as applied for November 20th, \$60.

Sidewalk on Churchway, south side, from Humboldt street easterly, as applied for December 11th, \$65.

Re-surfacing rock and laying gravel walk in place of Paces, North Pemberton street, as applied for by W. Emery, December 4th, \$60.

Improvement of Foul Bay road, as applied for by Thomas Shobol, on December 4th, \$55.

Sidewalk on Dundas street, north side, from Simcoe street easterly, as applied for December 4th, \$55.

Sidewalk on Johnson street, north side, from Camosun street westerly, as applied for November 20th, \$52.

Box drain on Milne street, north side, as applied for November 20th, \$50.

Sidewalk on Milne street, south side, as applied for November 20th, \$30.

Improvement of southerly portion Catherine street, as applied for by Dr. L. Hall, November 27th, \$25.

Behind the Footlights

The Advance Notice Writer and His Wealth of Adjectives.

Coming Attractions at the Victoria—A Romance of the Stage.

It is reserved to those who are required to sit through the advance notices sent out broadcast by every travelling theatrical company to learn the wealth of adjectives with which the English language is endowed. It would seem that the people employed to write these notices are gifted with a marvellous vocabulary, or are the possessors of a dictionary comprising no words but those of a brutish character. Here are a few samples taken from but one advance notice of the "Hot Old Time" company, which comes to the Victoria on Monday: "Brilliant," "popular," "beauty," "experience," "strongest," "dearest," "brighter," "more unique," "dear," "more original," "colossal" in its magnitude, "its tour has been a triumphal march," "the scenic effects are the most beautiful yet introduced by stagecraft and fertile imagination," and finally, "there is plenty in it to please any audience." Whether of the kind, the beautiful, the salient of wit. And what that last expression means perhaps the press agent knows, but no one else.

It is often complained by theatre goers that the newspapers mislead them in regard to coming attractions, and make statements in regard to the quality of the show which are never, or very rarely, borne out by the facts. It must be remembered that these advance notices are written by men paid to say the most extravagant things they can of the production in whose behalf they are working. The advance notices are sent out and the newspapers are supposed to insert them in consideration of a certain amount of advertising, but there surely should be some limit to the extravagance of language to be used in puffing a performance.

It will probably prove that "X Hot Old Time" is a fair specimen of the rollicking vaudeville, a little more or a little less vulgar than the majority, and those who enjoy that kind of show will no doubt receive full value for their money.

Victorians are promised a visit by the Shennandoah company, under the management of Jacob Litt, and the San Francisco press has gone into ecstasies about the performance given. Quoting again from the advance notice, it is stated that in the last act of the "war drama," the "Tattle scene, there are introduced 200 men and 50 horses. Victorians will perhaps believe that statement when they see its truth demonstrated on the stage of the Victoria.

There is a pretty little romance attached to this company's season in San Francisco which is told in the San Francisco Chronicle as follows: "While the play was on at the Columbia theatre on Thanksgiving night a real romance, as pretty as the one of the play, was being unfolded before the very eyes of the audience. In one of the boxes, with a party of gay girl friends, sat Miss Carolyn R. Hope Dempsey, the daughter of Thomas H. Dempsey, a former editor of the Seattle Times and founder of the Evening News, published in the same city. It was not until the third act that Miss Dempsey's companions began to note that whenever the leading man of the company, Robert Elliott, was on the stage his eyes kept wandering to the box and to Miss Dempsey's face. The young girl herself was not aware of the attention she was attracting from the actor until her friends mischievously told her to look for it. It was a case of love at first sight with the young man. He sought an introduction through friends, and in four days the young couple were engaged. On account of Elliott's prospective departure the marriage was delayed, and the ceremony performed at St. Mary's Cathedral the following Sunday. Mrs. Dempsey, the mother, who is in Seattle, was summoned by telegraph. Robert Elliott was born in Belfast, Ireland, and is now in his twenty-eighth year. When a lad of 13 he entered the English navy and saw considerable service. He made his first appearance upon the stage in England. Coming to this country he became a member of Modjeska's company. He played with the "Princess of Zenda" company for two years, then signed an engagement with Frohman for three years. Miss Dempsey was educated at a convent in the state of Washington and is a student of the University of the Pacific at San Francisco.

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THE USES OF CORN.

The one hundred and twenty odd recipes for using corn as an article of food, which are given in the "Choice Receipts" for the month of December, are of importance in increasing the consumptive demand as some of the recent discoveries," says the Scientific American. "Corn oil, for instance, which is extracted from the grain, has an extensive demand in various trades where vegetable oils are essential. Corn oil can be produced more cheaply than most of our vegetable oils because of the relative abundance of corn, and in the last year much of the oil has been used for table purposes. No attempt has been made to substitute it for good olive oil, but judiciously mixed it will pass muster as a low grade table oil. It is also a fair lubricating oil, but its largest use is in the trades and manufactures. Patent mixers employ it quite generally, and also manufacturers of fibre and shade cloth. It possesses qualities that recommend it particularly to these industries, and the demand for it is annually increasing.

"Corn rubber is a new article which is substituted for pure rubber in certain lines of goods. This cheap substitute is mixed with equal parts of pure Para rubber. The corn part of the substitute is taken from the refuse of the glucose factory. About 5 per cent. of the corn in making glucose could not formerly be utilized, and this waste seemed a loss. The new corn rubber is manufactured from this apparent waste, and when mixed with pure rubber it produces an especially valuable compound. Improvements in this rubber substitute are made each year, and it has to a certain extent supplanted Para rubber for many purposes. This imitation rubber is from 25 to 50 per cent. cheaper than pure rubber, but it has not been sufficiently perfected entirely to displace the Para article. The oil which is found in corn gives a pliability to the rubber compound that prevents it from cracking and breaking as most cheap grades of rubber do. Moreover, the oil of corn tends to prevent the rubber from oxidizing, a fault common to most India rubbers.

"There are five refineries of corn oil in the United States, which use between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000 bushels of corn and corn waste. Besides the output of oil, the refineries have made nearly thirty other different products from the corn. But in spite of all these various products about 6 per cent. was practically waste until the discovery of the rubber substitute was made. The spirits distilled from corn constitute another large industry, and recently the employment of the spirits in the manufacture of new grades of smokeless powder has greatly increased the demand for corn. The British government has been a liberal buyer of the spirits for this purpose, and the Japanese government has quite recently placed an order for several thousand barrels for the same purpose. An extensive European war would consequently send the price of corn booming because of its general need for food and because it would be in demand for its manufacture.

"The manufacture of glucose has opened up a whole field of new industries, and the glucose made from corn enters quite extensively into the refining of syrups, jellies and fruit preserves. It is also used by leather tanners and brewers. The sugar and starch made from corn form other branches of important industries. Different grades of grape sugar are made from the corn, and they are used by ale brewers and bakers, while the better grades are employed by apothecaries and confectioners. Pearl and powdered starch come from the corn, and also dextrin and flourin. The former is employed in the manufacture of marmalade and glue and the latter is mixed with flour."

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A writer in the Outlook gives an interesting sketch of Gen. Piet Joubert, who, he says, might have stepped from an old Dutch canvas. Dutch or Cape Dutch was his native language; and the French blood in the veins of Piet Joubert, commander general of the South African Republic, has long ceased to influence the character or appearance of himself and those other descendants of the old Huguenots who came out of much tribulation in France into Holland, and thence to the Dutch colony. He is about 65 years old, and he was born, like Oom Paul, in the old colony. His frame, now slightly distorted, is small, slender, and eminently "pawky" eyes; beard dark and gray in one, placing on his bent the shaggy sides and base of a horse's mane; and on his face, the great world's curtain had not then before the too weary half-way through.

Word has been received in Toronto that Robert Boshman, formerly of the 48th Highlanders, and in the charge of the Germans at Elandsfontein, along with three of his relatives.

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ANOTHER WARNING.

For the third time in a fortnight the British army authorities have had it forced upon them that the tactics employed by them against the Boer style of tactics will not do. The reverses at Tugela River this morning goes to prove that it is sheer madness to persist in ignoring an ambushed enemy to the extent of failing to throw out scouts and skirmishers to feel the way. It is as plain as a pike-staff that no such thing could have been done when these batteries went into action by the river bank, for the feelers would have been bound to discover the concealed enemy or to have drawn his fire, which is the same thing. Here we have a strength of thirteen guns going into action in face of an enemy known to be in strength but at an unknown distance, unlimbering and about to begin with a murderous rifle fire opens and destroys the teams, kills and wounds a majority of the men, and renders the work of saving the guns utterly impossible.

It sounds queer even to the civilian ear to have it explained that the officer responsible for this exposure of men and loss of costly property "desired to get nearer the enemy." Where are the caution, the concealment, the slow but certain forward movement behind clouds of smoke, that even the men in the street has already been convinced are the only means of winning the way against the Boers? Amidst the severe criticism that is sure to be heard in the United Kingdom will be a call to abandon as absurd and useless the "brilliant frontal attack," the "dashing attack in line," the "contenting for a lurking foe."

It will be no disgrace to the British officer to go cautiously, to seek cover on every possible opportunity, to learn to wait a bit, and above all, to think first, last, and all the time of his men, and less, for not at all of his V.C. or C.B. or honorable mention in the dispatches for conspicuous gallantry in the field. Willy ways with a wily foe; the many, frank, open style is worse than nonsensical with an enemy who puts with deadly aim from behind rocks and stumps. The general features of German offensive tactics are those which might with great advantage be adopted by the British army, especially against a foe so mobile as the Boer. Here are the main points of the German method:

First, concealment. Second, careful and prolonged reconnaissance, not only of the position, but also of the approaches. Third, frontal and flank attack combined, thus ensuring moral superiority. Fourth, the development of a long line of batteries, enveloping one wing of the position, under cover of comparatively weak advanced guards, at the earliest possible moment. Fifth, great strength of the flank attack. Sixth, the deployment of a great mass of infantry, in many successive lines, against the point, usually a flank, selected for the decisive attack. Seventh, non-intervention of the infantry, with the exception of the artillery, which have thoroughly prepared the attack. Eighth, the close support of the infantry by the artillery at the moment the fight is hottest. Ninth, the employment of cavalry in large bodies on the flank of the main attack.

From the foregoing even the layman may see that this style of attack would ensure some things that, so far as we may judge from the dispatches, have been utterly lacking in the British attacks during this campaign. It would ensure due warning to the main guard as to the presence of the enemy in force in the line of march or on the flanks; it would absolutely (see second item) prevent any main body walking into such traps as at Stormberg, Magersfontein and Tugela; it would (No. 3) worry the enemy by compelling him to divide his attention between two important points. The reader may study the matter in detail for himself, always remembering that the scene of war in South Africa is in general about the worst possible to imagine for an attacking force, and the best possible to imagine for a defending one.

The Duke of Cambridge, in addressing the 92nd Gordon Highlanders shortly

before his retreat from the commander-in-chiefship of the army three years ago, declared that he would be well pleased to see the British army, which is the opinion approached as close to perfection as anything he had ever examined. The statement caused a good deal of comment at the time. These matters really belong to the province of the military expert, but they enter so largely into the domain of common sense as well as common experience that anyone of average intelligence can form an opinion of the matter.

Another large body of our gallant soldiers has been slaughtered without a chance to defend itself or take vengeance. Our men were, according to the general's own dispatch, marched right up to the muzzles of the hidden enemy and butchered in heaps under a murderous fire. If something is not radically wrong with our system why do these horrible things occur so often? Give Tommy Atkins a fair chance. It would be a relief to see the military authorities quietly leave overboard past traditions that fitted the times of Brown Bess, the Minie and the Snider, and manfully recognize the hard fact that it is now the kill-at-two-miles—repeating, smokeless, Mauser rifle, the seven-mile Creutz cannon and the skilled German officer behind it all that we have to contend against. More brains should be put into the fighting, and then there will be a different story to send home.

THE TORY LEADER.

Sir Charles Tupper will address the people of Victoria this evening in the opera house. He comes amongst us again after an absence of about two years, flushed with the new wine of unworked victory. After the bitter pills of the general elections of 1896, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, how sweet to the palate of the Tory chieftain is this slice of bran pie, yelet Manitoba, which came to him not so much because the people of Manitoba had renounced Liberalism and desired to palter with the nostrums of Toryism, as because there was not union amongst the Liberals of Manitoba, and the Tories made the most of a party advantage. Far from the Manitoba election having anything of a national significance it will not affect in the slightest the opinions of the Canadian people. Beyond the boundaries of Manitoba that baroness, sickly of Hugh John, will have no effect, one way or the other. It was a Manitoba affair, purely domestic, and Tory intrigue won.

Sir Charles Tupper will tell the people quite another tale this evening; he will wish them to believe him when he says that the Manitoba affair has a national effect. But the people will not believe it any more than they believe that the annoying reverses being suffered by the British army in South Africa will ultimately prevent that army from achieving the task to which it has been sent. Canada is Liberal to stay, and the British army will be victorious in the end; the one in spite of Manitoba, the other in spite of Stormberg, Magersfontein and Tugela.

Of course, the people will not forget that in the gentle art of making a mountain out of a molehill our friends the Tories are past masters, and Sir Charles Tupper facile princeps. Give the average Tory one square inch of fact and he will build out of it a magnificent edifice of fancy measuring square miles on the front elevation, but, of course, insubstantial (except as to the square inch) as the flimsiest fabric of a vision. Sir Charles Tupper seldom fails to amuse though he generally fails to convince anyone who demands facts and not figures of speech. He has all the polished eloquence of the most gifted sophist ancient Athens ever heard; how he makes an oration of fancy out of the plain hard facts is something only to be explained as the travelling wizard elucidates his mysteries for the enlightenment of the rustic multitude.

"Gentlemen, gentlemen, it's easy, dead easy, 'when ye know 'ow, of course; but seriousness, aside gentlemen, it's a heart as come naturally from long experience and everlasting 'spiration; the quickness of the 'and deceives the 'eye; chuck another penny in the 'at-an' 'ill show 'er again."

Many Liberals will doubtless attend tonight's meeting. We can assure them a pleasant time, for there is no end of amusement when Sir Charles pipes his "I." But they will listen in vain for rhyme or reason in the outburst over the recent Manitoba election, and the alleged significance of it to the rest of the people of Canada.

Strong opposition is still shown to the placing of the statue of Oliver Cromwell in front of Westminster Hall. It is the gift of Lord Rosebery and the work of Hans Thurnycroft, and it was unveiled in the dusk of a November evening, by a workman in the presence of a few casual passers-by. The men who would remove this memento of one of England's greatest men are men who have done of blood and iron, the forerunner of the builders of the British Empire. The statue shows Cromwell a rugged, fearless man, chasing a Bible and gazing resolutely into the future.

Berlin Kreuz Zeitung is studying the South African war very closely and sums up thus:

"The Transvaal war has taught Germany, that she must have an African cable of her own."

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END OF THE CENTURY.

To the Editor:—Approve the suggestion of your correspondent "Optimist." I send you a few verses which came to hand a short time ago. It appears that the question of when one century ends and another begins was quite as warmly discussed a hundred years ago as it is now. The Leavenworth Times has raked up an old poetical solution of the problem, written on the morning of January 1, 1801. The verse-maker wrote as follows:

Precisely at twelve o'clock last night
The eighteenth century took its flight.
Fell many an aching head
Has racked its brain, its ink is shed
To prove by metaphysics fine
That one hundred means but ninety-nine.
While others at such wisdom wondered,
But took one more to make a hundred.

HUMPHREDINCK.
Victoria, Dec. 15th, 1899.

OUR BOYS EN ROUTE.

An Interesting Letter from F. Finch-Smiles on Board the Troopship.

The following letter received this morning by Major Williams will be read with interest:

Nov. 11th, 1899.

SS. Sardinian, off Cape Verde.

My Dear Major Williams: Learning that there is a possibility of sending mail home via Cape Verde Islands, I hasten, amid many difficulties, to scribble a brief note. No. 2 Company is in the best of health, and each member joins me in best wishes to you and yours. The remainder of the Victoria contingent is in equally good health and spirits. We shall be glad if you would convey to Colonel Gregory and the officers and N. C. officers and men of the Fifth our best regards. We often think of you all and talk of you frequently. Our first few days experience aboard the "troop ship" (heaven save the mark) was not a very happy one. But we have got into something like order at last, and have nothing very much to complain of—excepting the sleeping accommodations, which in case of A. Co. is very bad. We go to bed packed like sardines in a tin and wake up as from a Turkish bath. We were all very disgusted when we learned that our captain was not to command us. He has shown himself by far the sanest officer in the contingent (no disparagement to the others), and it does seem rather hard lines to be commanded by a man from another regiment, who naturally has more sympathy with his own men than with us poor B. Co's; not but what Major Arnold is a very kind officer.

I find I have come to the end of my allowance paper, so I must close up. I am very sorry, for I had a host of things to tell you, and must wait until Cape Town. Adieu for the present. With best wishes to yourself and all at home.

Very truly yours,

FRANK FINCH-SMILES.

P.S.—Regard to Foulkes, Vandergucht, Ernest Powell, et al.; Sergeant Northcott specially desires me to mention his regards to you.

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It has long been an unanswered conundrum to the vast majority of people in the city, what the rooms in the Victoria Theatre block were intended to be used for. It has also been a conundrum to know to what use they could be put.

It has been left to Mrs. White, well-known here as a hotel proprietress, to answer both those questions and to answer them in a manner which cannot fail to be satisfactory to all who are looking for information upon the subject of how to make the very best possible use of apparently false property.

At the corner of View and Douglas streets, in the theatre block, Victoria people and their visitors will find, on Tuesday, open for their reception and entertainment, one of the neatest and most comfortable restaurants in the city, where meals of all kinds, from the coffee and toast of the newspaper man in the morning to the seven-course dinner of the gourmand in the evening, or the much appreciated after-theatre supper of the man-about-town will be served.

"The Imperial," Mrs. White has appropriately named her new home, will not be found to be only a restaurant, however, but is one of the most comfortably and expensively furnished hotels in Victoria. The main entrance is on Douglas street and the visitor, immediately he steps inside the hall will find an atmosphere of home most refreshing to those who are compelled to look for home comforts away from the domestic fireside. Spacious and airy, and well lighted, it will be found that the dining room, sleeping apartments, and each of the twenty-two bedrooms, furnished elaborately, would easily make two of the ordinary hotel chamber.

From the top floor to the door-mat of the dining room every attention has been paid to the furnishings; carpets, curtains, bedding and fixtures are of the best, and in the department of sanitation the bathrooms and lavatories on every floor are replete with every necessary.

Of Mrs. White's ability to conduct a first-class hotel nothing need be said. The knack of making guests feel at home is not the possession of every host or hostess, but the proprietress of the Imperial has proven herself one of the fortunate ones.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 16.—The next Republican convention will take place in Philadelphia on June 15th.

REMOVAL SALE

AT 43 FORT STREET

FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY

Will then remove to new premises (formerly occupied by us), No. 46 Government Street.

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, ETC.

LARGE REDUCTIONS IN ALL LINES.

J. WENGER

Jeweler, 43 Fort Street.

Spencer's Fine Gift Goods

Furs for Presents

Here is a chance for the prospective gift-giver whether your purse bulges or not, you will find something in this stock to suit you—and the recipient.

Alaska Sable Collars; a few very choice ones, selected by our buyer on his way to England, moderately priced.

Another Express Parcel came to hand to-day with the newest Fur Capes, very stylish, they are mostly combinations of two different Furs.

Muffs to match most Capes and Collars.

Gloves for Gifts

Guess it is safe to say that no such assortment of Glove newness and Glove goodness ever entered this store before. The maker, Trefousse, is a guarantee of quality, and we have every fashionable color. Price, \$1.50.

Our \$1.00 Glove from the same firm is better than many sell at \$1.25. Fur Topped and Lined Gloves for men, women, boys and girls.

How About an Umbrella?

A very extensive assortment here; exquisite and novel handles that are as artistic as the Umbrellas themselves are worthy. Prices are very interesting.

A Ladies' Umbrella, fine pearl handle, silver mounts, durable English satin de chene cover, paragon frame, \$3.50. The same Umbrella with fine twill silk cover, \$4.50 and \$5.00. But with over a thousand new Umbrellas in stock and hardly any two handles alike it is impossible to describe them.

The assortment of Umbrellas for men is just as complete as for women.

Holiday Ties and Braces

The showing is the most varied we've ever gathered, wonderful indeed what 50 cents or \$1 will do in this stock. Come, look twice at the assortment and prices, then go and compare; we shall expect you back.

Linens for Gifts

To be sure! What more acceptable to the particular housekeeper than a dainty Linen Table Set. We have gathered largely of exquisite Irish Damasks with Napkins to match. Beautiful and moderately priced.

Winter Goods for Gifts

How much some people would appreciate a fine warm pair of Blankets! We have some just made for presents, each pair in a nice box, delicate pink and blue borders made of the finest Cape wool, price, \$10.50 per pair.

Slender Down Quilts, French sateen coverings, filled with fine Alaska down, \$6.50 to \$12.50.

Boys' Navy Blue Reefer Coats, all sizes, good quality, and because of late arrival now selling at reduced prices.

VENEZUELA REBELS DEFEATED.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 16.—The government troops yesterday completely defeated those of General Hernandez near Tucuyo, a town in the state of Barquisimeto, 34 miles from Trujillo.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Stock exchange, morning board: Wm. Eagle 26 1/2; 200; Payne 108, 102; Ontario 104; 100; 37; Republic 101, 99; Sales: Republic 500 at 101, 1,000 at 99, 2,000 at 100.

TOLSTOI BETTER.

Moscow, Dec. 16.—Count Tolstoi has sufficiently recovered from his illness to resume work.

Xmas Goods

Just arrived at

ORIENTAL BAZAAR

90 DOUGLAS STREET.

YOKOHAMA BAZAAR

132 GOVERNMENT STREET.

(Near Victoria Hotel).

Best Places to get Japanese Fancy Goods.

Special reduction on prices for this month.

You cannot do better than buy your Xmas presents at Weiler Bros. Call early.

Sir Charles Tupper

BART.

WILL ADDRESS A

PUBLIC MEETING

—IN THE—

Victoria Theatre,

—ON—

Saturday, 16th Inst

Under the auspices of the Liberal-Conservative Association.

Chair will be taken at 8:15 p.m. prompt.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,

Chairman Lib-Con. Association.

Victoria, December 11, 1899.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Monday, December 18.

The show that has made the Tulyorpe

Laugh.

THE RAY'S HOWLING SUCCESS.

"A HOT OLD TIME"

2 1/2 Hours of Pure and Wholesome Fun

Under the direction of EDW. A. BRADEN.

NOTHING BUT LAUGHS.

PRETTY GIRLS, CATCHY MUSIC.

EXCELLENT SPECIALTIES.

Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. Seats

on sale at Victoria Book & Stationery

Store.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

ROBERT JAMIESON, Manager.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT.

5 Nights and Saturday Matinee commencing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19th.

The Maggie Moore & H. R. Roberts' Co.

Of Australian Players (direct from Aus-

tralia).

Opening production on a scale of sumptuous

magnificence, E. Lewis Scott's adaptation

of Maxwell Gray's sublime story

The Silence of Dean Maitland

Tuesday and Wednesday,

Dec. 19 and 20.

Specialty written for Mr. H. R. Roberts,

which ran for four (4) weeks in Portland,

Oregon.

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21 and 22

DAVID GARRICK.

Saturday, Dec. 23.

A PRODIGAL FATHER.

USUAL PRICES.

SAVOY THEATRE

ALL

OF

THIS

WEEK.

A Marvellous and Mastodon Array of Novelties embracing the cream of American and European Novelty Artists.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

WILL REPEAT

The May Queen

IN THE

INSTITUTE HALL,

—ON—

Tuesday Evening at 8:30.

Admission Throughout the Hall, 50c.

Tickets at Hibben's, Lombard's Wait's and

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—In our stock of Xmas presents you

will find something to suit everybody. No

difficulty in making a wise selection.

Weiler Bros.

WANTS.

WANTED—Positions for two bandmen of

Fifth Regiment C. A.

WANTED—A few more of the same kind of

music, also of the same kind.

WANTED—Girl to do housework. Apply

Mrs. Johns, 9 Hill street.

AGENTS WANTED AT ONCE—A patent-

ed perforated pot and kettle cover. Fast

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plete line of new and useful household

tovels. Address The U. S. Specialty

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Photography and others. The only

new enlarged portrait out is our "Oil

ette." A beautifully finished oil for price

of a W. C. A splendid seller and grand

chance for big profits. Also Crayons,

Water Colors, etc. Best work and prompt

shipment. Full instructions to three

wishing to start in the business. Write

The Portrait Supply Co., Parkdale, To-

ronto.

WANTED—Old copper, brass, steel, lead,

scrap iron, rope, canvas and sacks; high-

est prices given. Apply Victoria Junk

Agency, 30 Store street, B. A. A. A. A.

Agent.

FOR SALE.

CUT FLOWERS—Chrysanthemums, one

thousand large flowers, at the South

Turner Street Greenhouses, James Hay.

FOR SALE—3 fine lots on Stanley avenue

and Cambria Bay road, price \$200.

A. W. More & Co., 86 Government

TRY A PAIR OF OUR
SHOULDER BRACES
They prevent Consumption
by holding the free expansion
of the lungs.

C. H. BOWES
CHEMIST.
100 Government street, near Yates street.
EVERYTHING IN DRUGS.

WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Dec. 16—5 a. m.—An area of
low pressure still over the Washington
coast, and weather conditions are un-
settled. Rain has fallen east of the Cas-
cades and south of the Straits, and snow
in the plateau region and the lower por-
tion of the province. The Northwest area
remains, and minimum temperatures range
from 2 degrees above to 34 below zero.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday,
Victoria and vicinity—Northern and
northwesterly winds, unsettled, with snow
or sleet.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, with
snow or sleet.

Report.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.89; tempera-
ture, 31; minimum, 30; wind, calm; snow, -20;
weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.70;
temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, 4
miles N. E.; snow, -62; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.10; tempera-
ture, 40; minimum, 4; wind, calm; weather,
fair.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.22; tempera-
ture, 20 below; minimum, 34 below; wind,
calm; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Drill Hall concert to-night.
—Use Blue Ribbon Flavoring Ex-
tracts.
—Please call at Russell's, 134 Dou-
glas street, anytime before Xmas and
bring the children with you; it will de-
light them and please you.

—You boil potatoes but you brew tea.
To do so properly consult the directions
on the packets of "HONOLULU."

—Banner Lodge, A.O.U.W., meets on
Tuesday evening for the election of of-
ficers. Loewen's Church, Y.M.C., meets
on Wednesday night for the same pur-
pose.

—At the early age of 21 years, Mrs.
David Breckenridge, daughter of Mr.
James Barker, Strawberry Vale, died
yesterday. The deceased was a native
of the state of Nebraska.

—Banner Lodge, No. 6, A.O.U.W.,
will meet on Tuesday evening to wind
up the business of the year. This meet-
ing is necessitated by the regular meet-
ing night falling on Christmas.

—The fire brigade are in receipt of in-
vitations to attend social events which
are being given during the holiday sea-
son by the departments in Tacoma, Rose-
land and other cities. None of the mem-
bers have been able to accept.

—The Scots Canadian Mining and De-
velopment Syndicate, Limited, to pur-
chase, lease, or otherwise acquire mines,
mining rights, and metalliferous lumps
in the province of British Columbia or
elsewhere, with a capital of £1,500 in 11
shares, has been registered at Edinburgh,
Scotland.

—The usual weekly meeting of the
Young Men's Liberal Club will not be
held this evening, the premier and the
leader of the opposition, after consulta-
tion with their supporters, having agreed
that in order to afford the members of
the house an opportunity to hear Sir
Charles Tupper, there should be no ses-
sion of the mock parliament.

—Great "extras" Drill Hall concert to-
night.

—At the last meeting of the board of
school trustees a request from the chief
of the fire department to the effect that
fire escapes be provided for the North
Ward school was met with the statement
from some of the members that the
board was not the owner of the building
and could not be liable for the im-
provement required. Now the chief
wants to know who is responsible, and
for this purpose has addressed a letter to
the Attorney-General asking for the
desired information. He is determined
that the lives of the children shall not
be endangered by the absence of the re-
sponsible to erect one. But if it trans-
pires that the city is liable, Chief Deasy
will be placed in the embarrassing po-
sition of prosecuting the corporation which
employs him. The situation would cer-
tainly be unique, as he would then be
compelling the city to obey the laws
which they themselves framed. There
is material for a children's opera in Vic-
toria.

Get the Best Company.

Life Assurance is as important and
should be as carefully undertaken as
any other purchase a man can make.
You want AN OLD RELIABLE,
WELL-ESTABLISHED COMPANY,
a company that will issue a LIBERAL
policy and will give you the LARGEST
GUARANTEES FOR THE LOWEST
PREMIUM. Before insuring obtain
the rates and plans of

The Ontario Mutual Life

R. L. DUBRY,
Provincial Manager,
34 Broad Street.
S. W. BODLEY,
Special Agent.

—Drill Hall concert to-night.
—Finnan Haddies, 100
Yates street.
Photo Albums half price, Christmas
Cards 1c each, Johnston's, Douglas
street.
Superficial hair and all facial blemishes
removed by Electrolysis. Electric Parlor,
114 Yates street.

—The diamond pin raffle at the Grotto
saloon, Trousseau avenue, takes place this
evening at 8 o'clock.

—Have you seen the \$1 per dozen
Printed Cups and Saucers at R. A.
Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street?

—The snow caused a postponement of
the football fixtures this afternoon and
the Hunt Club run was also cancelled.

—Xmas presents and fancy goods.
Twenty per cent discount on fall mil-
linery. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas
street.

—Lord Mayor's Pudding Bowls, Pud-
ding Moulds, Pudding Bowls and Jelly
Moulds, all sizes, at R. A. Brown &
Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

—Several pairs of rubbers and shoes,
some umbrellas, handkerchiefs, and a
small locket were found in the Drill Hall
after the ball. Owners can obtain the
same by applying at the Drill Hall.

—The Friendly Help Society kindly re-
quest that all Xmas donations be for-
warded to the rooms of the society, City
Market, on or before Wednesday, 20th
inst. The rooms will be open every day
of next week. District visitors are re-
quested to send their lists to the secre-
tary by the 15th if possible.

—Rev. W. H. Barracough officiated
yesterday afternoon at the funeral of the
late Mrs. Mary Grace Barvis, which
took place from the residence of the de-
ceased's daughter, Alpha street, Burn-
side road. The following gentlemen officiated
as pall-bearers: R. Kayton, W. Mercer,
J. Foster and W. Atwood.

—Victoria Lodge, No. 17, K. of E., has
elected the following officers for the
current term: C. C. E. Smith; V. G. J.
Hilton; prelate, E. W. Hall; M. at A.,
A. O'Brien; W. G. McNeil; G. G.,
P. A. Phillips; M. of W. A. Cooman.
The installation will take place at the
first meeting in January, 1900. The
lodge is in a flourishing condition, both
in finances and membership.

—The B. C. Guide, the handy little
publication which has become familiar
to thousands of the business people of
the province, has been taken over by the
British Columbia Printing & Engraving
Company, Limited, by whom it will
henceforth be published. Under the man-
agement of that company it may be taken
for granted that the information con-
tained in the Guide will be always up-
to-date and thoroughly reliable.

—J. D. Graham, the gold commissioner
at Atlin, who came over by the Victoria
train this morning from the Sound, and
will be at the Drift for a few days,
was seen this morning by a Times re-
porter, but modestly declines having
anything to say of general interest in re-
gard to the new goldfields. Beyond the
information that one thousand will win-
ter at Atlin and that the attendance of
school children is encouraging, he had,
he said, nothing new to report. Mr.
Graham goes hence to his old home at
Revestoke.

—Great "extras" Drill Hall concert to-
night.

—A meeting of the Trades and Labor
Council was held last evening, which
was addressed by Mr. Charles A. A.
Derry, organizer of the Fifteenth Dis-
trict of the International Typographical
Union. The principal business transacted
was the appointment of Messrs. Ed.
Harrup and T. H. Twigg delegates to
represent the council at a convention to
be held in Vancouver on Wednesday
next, the object of which is to discuss
a proposal to request the provincial
government to amend the British Col-
umbia Arbitration and Conciliation Act
so as to make it more workable. Other
questions affecting the interests of la-
bor will also doubtless come before the
convention.

—M. J. Henry, under whose direction
nearly all of the contract work on the
White Pass & Yukon road has been
done, has decided to operate a horse
pack train over the Canadian Develop-
ment. Cut-off, from Bennett to
Dawson. This announcement came in a
letter written under date of Bennett,
December 4, received yesterday in this
city. The writer says: "Henry, of the
White Pass road, has 300 horses idle,
and he has announced that he will run
a horse train through to Dawson early
in January. This will be good news to
outsiders coming in and to some who are
going to Nome and Dawson. Of the
weather on the Yukon, and affairs in
general, the letter says: 'The weather
all along the line to Dawson is above
zero. There is no snow for a freeze. The
Canadian Development Company has de-
cided to put horses on the route from
here to Fort Selkirk. They have made
a trail from White Horse to Selkirk,
with roadhouses, which shortens the dis-
tance.'"

—The First Presbyterian church choir
will present on Monday the patriotic
cantata upon which they have been work-
ing so zealously for some time past. The
title, "Britannia and her Daughters," is
indicative of the libretto, dealing with
the colonies of the empire in their social,
commercial and military capacities. The
music is not heavy, but with melodious
and catchy, and in the hands of this
organization should be heard to advan-
tage. No effort has been spared to pre-
sent this cantata for perhaps a better
name for it would be operetta in as
complete a style as the building will per-
mit. The stage is being extended and
other useful additions made, and the
hall will be tastefully decorated. The
hall is a large one, but there is sure to
be a crowded house, and those desirous
of securing seats well up in the hall
would do well to go early. The Hays
Brigade of the church, under Mr. Tyn-
nant of H.M.R.E., will give one or two
exercises with harpella previous to the
presentation of the cantata. The pro-
ceeds of the entertainment are to be de-
voted to the church debt fund.

GOING OUT OF THE SHOE BUSINESS

Not merely clearing out some old
stock in order to make room for
spring goods to arrive. We intend
to dispose of every pair. Compare
our prices with those of other
stores and you will see that we
mean it.

JOHNS BROS.

259 DOUGLAS STREET.

REAL HAIR SWITCHES

Natural curly-fringes, Pompadure Rolls and
Curls, etc. Combs made up in any
style. Hair Dressing, Shampooing,
Scalp Treatment, Face Massage, Manicur-
ing, etc., at

MRS. C. KOSCHE'S

35 DOUGLAS STREET, NEAR FORT.

—Drill Hall concert to-night.

—See the moving pictures, every after-
noon and evening at 80 1/2 Douglas street.

—The funeral of the late D. M. Gor-
don took place this afternoon from
Hamm's parlors. Rev. W. L. Clay con-
ducted the service.

—THE ANIMATED SPECIALTY
COMPANY at 80 1/2 Douglas street, will
show the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight,
from start to finish, eleven rounds and
the knockout complete, Monday evening,
December 18th. Performances begin at
7, 8 and 9 p. m.

—There is a treat in store for those
who attended the grand concert at the
Drill Hall this evening. Bandmaster
Finn has prepared another excellent pro-
gramme consisting of standard overtures
and popular and characteristic music.
Miss Sophie McNeill and Miss Edith
Lombard will be heard in vocal solos, ac-
companied by Mr. E. Arnold (pianist)
and Mr. S. W. Driscoll (violin obligato).
The ball decorations will remain undis-
turbed so that all can have an oppor-
tunity of seeing them.

—Great "extras" Drill Hall concert to-
night.

—The action brought against the
Queen's hotel for supplying liquor during
prohibited hours was called in the city
court this morning, but the pro-
secutor failed to put in an appearance.
Mr. Powell, for the defence, asked that
the case be dismissed, but this the court
would not consent to, finally ordering an
adjournment until Monday, when, if the
prosecutor fails to put in an appearance,
the court directed to be issued a warrant
to be issued for his apprehension. The
magistrate gave as his reason for insist-
ing upon an adjournment rather than the
dismissal of the case, that he wanted the
prosecutor brought into court, and it was
found that his motive for instituting
proceedings against the house in question
had been for the purpose of satisfying a
personal spite, as alleged by the defence.
He must be taught that the court did
not exist for any such purpose.

—Drill Hall concert to-night.

—The Times has it on good authority
that Lieut. T. E. Pooley, acting ad-
jutant of the Fifth Regiment, C.A., and
J. D. Pemberton, who is an engineer,
leave on Monday for England. Their ob-
ject is, if possible, to obtain commis-
sions in some of the regiments already
in South Africa, or in some of those or-
dered to leave for the front. The heavy
casualty list of officers in connection
with most of the regiments engaged has
already thrown a large number of com-
missions vacant, and the probability of
these gentlemen attaining their ambi-
tion is very bright. Lieut. Pooley, es-
pecially, has shown commendable zeal
in his endeavor to see service, his ef-
forts to secure a place on the Canadian
contingent being a matter of common
knowledge. That he and his companions
may succeed in their present undertak-
ing will be the wish of all their friends
in this city. A young Englishman named
Ewart left a couple of days ago for
South Africa.

That Christmas List

Four men out of every five
would rather have some-
thing nice to wear than
anything else you could
think of. All the things we
have been learning for
years to tickle men's fan-
cies are at your disposal.

An unusually handsome
assortment of NECK-
WEAR at very
reasonable
prices.

Gloves,
Mufflers,
Suspenders,
Smoking Jackets,
Dressing Gowns,
Umbrellas, etc.

GEO. R. JACKSON

Do You Know

**JIM MAYNARD'S
CASH CLEARANCE SALE
STARTS TO-DAY?**

Every pair of Boots and Shoes
to be cleared out before the year
1900.

**Douglas Street,
Opposite City Hall.**

THE MILITARY BALL.

Fifteen Hundred Citizens Entertained
by the Officers and Men of the
Fifth Regiment.

The drill hall was a scene of safety
last evening and during the night until
the early hours of the morning, the oc-
casion being the third annual ball given
by the officers and men of the Fifth Regi-
ment O. A., a fixture which has come to
be regarded as one of the events of the
season. In point of attendance and per-
haps also in the perfection of the ar-
rangements, the affair was the most suc-
cessful of the three which now stand to
the record of the regiment. It is not
an easy matter to provide for the com-
fort and enjoyment of so large a
number of people, and it is something
the energetic committee may well con-
gratulate themselves upon that from
beginning to end there was nothing of
which anyone could complain. The
floor was good; the music, supplied by
the Fifth Regiment orchestra, under the
leadership of Bandmaster Finn, excel-
lent; the decorations, tasteful; the supper
bountiful, and the arrangements for
handling the large crowd and of taking
care of cloak, wraps and other imped-
imenta, perfect.

Among the invited guests was His
Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, who
was, however, unable to be present. His
Wife, Mrs. J. H. Redfern and Hon. A.
E. Smith, U. S. consul, favored the ball
with their presence.
The decorations, for which Corp. J. A.
McTavish was chiefly responsible, con-
sisted largely of the flags of Great Brit-
ain and the United States, with an
abundance of bunting and a myriad of
electric lights. Sergeant Major Mulcahy
made an excellent master of ceremonies,
and Gunner Stevenson looked after the
comfort of the guests in the supper
room department.

Special mention should be made of
the manner in which the large gathering
was catered to. Although it took a
long time for all to satisfy their needs,
there was no unpleasant crowding, and
all agreed that the new system was a
vast improvement upon that hitherto
observed.

To the committee of which Major
Williams is chairman, and Sergeant C.
Holler, secretary, great credit is due
for the manner in which they attended
to all the details of the enjoyable affair.

—Great "extras" Drill Hall concert to-
night.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Ald. Macgregor Will Move to Withdraw
the Port Angeles By-Law.

At the next regular meeting of the city
council, the mayor will recommend the in-
troduction of a by-law to be known as the
"Judgment Payment" by-law.

Ald. Macgregor at the same meeting will
submit the following resolution:
"Whereas a by-law to provide a subsidy
for the establishment of a car ferry and
passenger steamer service between Vic-
toria and Port Angeles was drafted and
laid before the board several months ago
at the requisition of 483 ratepayers, rep-
resenting considerably more than the re-
quired amount of taxable real estate;
and whereas a majority of the board
has persistently refused to accede to the
demand of the said ratepayers to place be-
fore them a by-law, which, if passed,
would insure the establishment of the said
service, and has further obstructed its pas-
sage in altering and nullifying the mea-
sure, thereby rendering its provisions so
onerous as to place it beyond the powers
of the promoters of the scheme to com-
ply with the requirements of the by-law,
and whereas the promoters of the scheme
decline to accept the by-law in its pre-
sent form and have expressed a wish to
have it withdrawn;
Be it therefore resolved, That the re-
quest of the petitioning ratepayers that the said
by-law be and the same is hereby with-
drawn from further consideration by the
board."

"Be it therefore resolved, That the re-
quest of the petitioning ratepayers that the said
by-law be and the same is hereby with-
drawn from further consideration by the
board."

—Great "extras" Drill Hall concert to-
night.

IT IS FOR YOU TO SAY.

You are the interested one, and it is
for you to say where you will have your
physician's prescriptions filled. We
make a special claim for this business
which must command your attention.
Correct and scientific dispensing is the
rock on which we build our trade.

Kindly give us a call when you are in
need of popular

Toilet Preparations.

Prices always satisfactory.

If you are weak, nervous, rheumatic
or dyspeptic, use Paine's Celery Com-
pound. Like thousands of others, we
strongly recommend it as the best medi-
cine.

Dean & Hisecks, Druggists, corner of
Yates and Broad streets, Victoria, B.C.

—Get your tickets for the Sons and
Daughters of St. George's annual New
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WILKINSON V. GROVES.

Action for Libel by a Former Resident of Victoria.

(London Morning Post, Nov. 10th.)

In the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice an action for libel was heard, the plaintiff being Mr. Charles Herbert Wilkinson, of New Broad street, and defendant Mr. Samuel Houghton Groves, of St. Helen's place and Chicago. The defendant pleaded that the letter in question was written bona fide and without malice, and that the occasion was privileged. He also pleaded that the letter was true.

Sir R. T. Reid, J.C., Mr. Rufus Isaacs, Q.C., and Mr. J. E. B. Banks appeared for the plaintiff, while Sir E. Clarke, Q.C., Mr. Carson, Q.C., and Mr. Danckwerts represented the defendant.

The circumstances out of which the case arose were of a somewhat complicated character. In 1896 Mr. Wilkinson was sent to America to look after an investment on behalf of the British Columbia Development Association, and as the result of his inquiries he advised that their capital should be invested in the construction of a railway from Skagway by way of the White Pass to Port Selkirk. In pursuance of that scheme Mr. Wilkinson obtained acts of parliament from the Canadian and British Columbian governments, also an authority in respect of certain territory belonging to the United States through which the proposed railway would have to pass. In 1897 Mr. Wilkinson became the managing director of the Assets Development Company, and that company secured an option of acquiring the whole of the before-mentioned undertaking from the British Columbia Development Company. The plaintiff employed a Mr. Midgley to raise some funds in connection with the matter, and through that gentleman he was brought into contact with Messrs. Close Brothers & Co., of which firm the defendant was the principal, and which found a sum of money and undertook other responsibilities with regard to providing further funds. The Assets Company purchased the enterprise and became entitled to the benefits of the concessions in due course, and ultimately it was arranged that Messrs. Close Brothers should buy the whole concern from the Assets Company. During negotiations of an intricate kind as to the price the plaintiff refused to execute the contracts for the transfer of the property unless the sum of £1000 was paid to the Assets Company, and £500 to himself for some expenses he had incurred.

Messrs. Close called to Mr. Groves, who was looking after the interests of the undertaking in America, to the effect that Wilkinson refused to sign unless he received blackmail. The defendant on that wrote from Chicago to Midgley, at the time the words now complained of, "Wilkinson demands blackmail as to arrangement with Close." This was what plaintiff complained of. Subsequently Messrs. Close agreed to plaintiff's terms, and the contracts were executed. In the course of some litigation initiated by Mr. Midgley against the Assets Company the letter containing the alleged libel was produced, and on it the present action was founded.

In the course of his cross-examination by Sir E. Clarke the plaintiff said that he alone controlled the Assets Company, which consisted of himself and six nominees, clerks in his office, etc. At the time of his formation he added that he was an undischarged bankrupt.

Plaintiff's case having closed, Lord Russell said that the occasion on which the alleged libel was written was privileged, but allowed the case to go to the jury on the question of express malice, which it was contended defendant had shown by his plea of justification and in other ways.

Lord Russell, in the course of his summing up, commented severely on the constitution of the Assets Company. "That a man who was an undischarged bankrupt had got together the necessary number of nominees and had formed this company made the protection of the law a scandal. How long such a company would be allowed to continue he did not know. If a man, being an undischarged bankrupt, obtained credit to the extent of £20 without revealing that fact he was guilty of an offence, and yet this Assets Development Company could do the same thing with an act of parliament and without incurring any penalty for a few pounds but for thousands without committing an offence.

The jury on the question of malice returned a verdict for the defendant.

Judgment for the defendant accordingly.

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The Society's Letter.

To the Under-Secretary of State for War, George Wyndham, Esq., M.P.

"November 14, 1899."

"Sir,—At a meeting of the council of this society held yesterday upwards of 100 letters relating to the terrible sufferings, inevitably injured horses left to die on the battlefields of South Africa, and earnestly requesting the council to adopt means by which those sufferings may be mercifully terminated, were read; one being a letter published in The Times, written by Mr. Laurence W. Pike, who has just had an interview with the council.

"The council desired me to write to you stating their hope and belief that some organization had already been devised by the secretary for war, and put into execution by the commander-in-chief, for destroying the lives and so ending the misery of those wretched creatures; and if so, they trust you will do them the favor of kindly assuring them of such humane measure or measures, in order that they may be enabled to allay the anxiety of a large number of humane persons who may be expected to address letters to this office or to editors of newspapers on that painful subject.

"At the commencement of the Franco-German war (1870) the council of this society directed me to suggest to the German and French governments a hope that some plan might be matured for carrying out the object referred to during the war, and afterwards we were asked that the German government had delegated an authority, possibly to the ambulance department, to destroy the lives of badly wounded horses found helpless and incurable on the battlefield.

"I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant.

"JOHN COLAM, Secretary.
"105 Jernyn street, St. James's."

War Office Reply.

"Dear Sir,—The secretary of state has carefully considered your letter and has asked military advice upon it. He is informed that it would be impracticable to take into the field a special corps such as your correspondents have suggested, who would not be covered by the Geneva convention, and would nevertheless be non-combatants, and even if they were taken for the horses which could not be done equally well by the soldiers themselves. He is also informed that soldiers always shoot badly wounded horses after or during the battle whenever they are given time to do so—i.e., whenever the operation does not involve risk to human life. He fears that no more than this can be done unless and until some international convention extends to those who care for wounded animals the same protection for which the Geneva convention provides in the case of men, and he would suggest that you should turn your efforts in that direction.

"Yours very truly,

"GEORGE WYNDHAM.

A Further Point.

In a subsequent letter dated November 16 it was asked "whether a trooper killing his badly wounded horse without direction from his superior officer renders himself liable to punishment by court-martial," and the following answer from the War Office was sent to the society: "No trooper has been known to be court-martialed for destroying his wounded horse without adequate reason. After a battle the sending out of parties to kill wounded horses lying on the field is naturally done by word of command. During a battle a man usually acts on his own responsibility. Troopers are generally too fond of their horses not to put them out of pain when helplessly wounded. A man would certainly not be put on trial for doing so, unless there were good grounds for thinking he had killed the animal without cause."

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along, clipped his wings and took the silly bird home for his children to play with. The children said, "What's that, papa?" "If you ask him, he'll say he's an eagle, but take my word for it he's a crow."

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WM. BOWEN.

LONDON IN 1784.

In 1784 M. La Combe published a book entitled "A Picture of London," in which, inter alia, he says: "The high-roads thirty or forty miles round London are filled with armed highwaymen and footpads." This was then pretty true, though the expression "armed" is somewhat of an exaggeration. The medical student of forty or fifty years ago seems to have been anticipated in 1784, for M. La Combe tells us that "the brass knockers of doors, which cost from 12s. to 15s., are stolen at night if the maid forgets to unscrub them," a precaution which seems to have gone out of fashion. "The arrival of the mails," our author says, "is uncertain at all times of the year. Persons who frequently receive letters should recommend their correspondents not to insert loose papers, not to put the letters in covers, because the tax is sometimes treble, and always arbitrary, though in a free country. But rapacity and injustice are the deities of the English."

M. La Combe does not give us a flattering character: "An Englishman," he says, "considers a foreigner as an enemy, whom he distrusts and envies, but whose society he fears; and he attaches himself to no one." Perhaps it was so in 1784, but such feelings have nearly died out—at least among educated people. M. La Combe, in another part of his book, exclaims: "How are you changed, Londoners! Your women are become bold, impudent and expensive. Bankrupts and beggars, colliers, spies and informers, robbers and pick-pockets abound; the baker mixes alum in his bread; the brewer puts opium and copper filings in his beer; the milk-woman spoils her milk with snails;—Gentlemen's Magazine."

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Provincial News.

REVELSTOCK.

Dan Robinson has increased the force of men at work on the new Revelstoke road to twenty, and expects to get that section on this side of the bridge about completed by the end of the week.

After drill on Monday night, at which there were 31 on parade, Captain Taylor held a meeting of the rifle company to take steps to get up an entertainment for the benefit of the patriotic fund for the widows and orphans of the soldiers fighting in South Africa. A committee of 12 was selected to make arrangements for the entertainment.

MOYIE.

On Tuesday night James Wilks, district organizer of the Western Federation of Miners, organized a union at Moyie. In East Kootenay, with 71 members to start with. The following officers were elected: President, M. L. Hollister; vice-president, William Mills; financial secretary, Alex. J. Chisholm; corresponding secretary, W. R. Hocking; treasurer, Donald E. McDonald; conductor, Harry Dimmock; warden, W. H. Darby; delegates to district association, William Mills and David J. Elmer.

SLOCAN CITY.

The finishing touches are being put on the Wakofield concentrator building. Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor celebrated their china wedding last Friday. A lumber has arrived for the erection of a new set of buildings at the Glenora mines.

Larry Doonan has resigned the chief of police of Slocan to accept a responsible position with the Kootenay Railway & Navigation Co.

Rev. J. A. Cleland and family left Slocan on Saturday for their new home in Eugene, Ore. They were the recipients of many handsome presents.

VERNON.

Rev. E. Robson reached home last week from a trip of several weeks' duration to Vancouver, whither he was summoned on account of the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. Monck, of that city.

Over eighteen thousand dollars has already been expended this season in Vernon and vicinity by one purchaser of beef and hogs for the Kootenay markets.

Dr. O. Morris was summoned to Kereenos last week to hold an inquest upon the body of a dead Indian. A post-mortem examination was made, but there was nothing whatever to indicate that anything approaching to foul play had occurred, there being no marks of violence upon the body, and the evidence adduced showed that the Siwash was drowned in the river some two months ago, while in a state of intoxication.

ROSSLAND.

Mr. R. C. Clute, Q.C., of Toronto, who was recently appointed by the Dominion government to enquire into the employment of alien labor in this province in response to a request from the Slocan Miners' Union, and whose commission embraces an enquiry into the labor question generally, will be in Rossland shortly to obtain evidence under oath upon which to base his report.

On the evening of Monday, December 11th, the ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage making Baby Young and Eliza A. Tremblay husband and wife. The groom is a native of Green's Creek, Ontario, and has resided at Nelson for three years past. The bride is a native of Matilda, Cornwall, England, having resided in Iron Mountain, Mich., and at Nelson, previous to coming to Rossland. Rev. Geo. H. Morde officiated.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The steamer Transfer is engaged to present lightening salmon to the ships loading for England at Stevedore. Yesterday she took 2,000 cases down, and brought up 800 cases which are going via the Canadian Pacific railway.

Parties being near the Royal Oak on the Westminister-Vancouver road reported to the provincial police on Thursday morning that their house was raided on Wednesday night, and 49 birds stolen.

Capt. Cooper returned on Wednesday with his steamer Courier, from Harrison River, where he has just finished his contract of moving a steam railway dyking plant from Harrison to Kitchen's Landing, near Chilliwack. The plant consisted of a locomotive, steam shovel, 60 miles of rails and all necessary tackle. The contract, which involved some heavy work, took about a month's time to complete. The apparatus will be used to dyke the Chilliwack Valley, and save it from all future inundation.

NELSON.

Mayor Needlands, Ald. Beer, City Clerk Strachan, Assistant City Clerk Wiggins, and W. J. Thompson, chief of the fire department, waited upon Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jarvis on Wednesday night, and on behalf of the members of the City Council and civic employees presented Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis with a handsome dinner service and a substantial check.

The corner stone of the Nelson Coke & Gas Company's extensive buildings was laid on Wednesday afternoon. The trowel of honor was wielded by Mayor Needlands, and the addresses which followed were felicitous.

At a meeting of the members of the fire department on Wednesday evening the tender of the Dominion Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company to insure the members of the department against accident or illness was accepted, and policies to cover the sixteen members of the department will be written. The policies will provide a weekly payment of \$30 in case of illness or accident, and a death benefit of \$1,000.

Mr. R. C. Clute, Q.C., the special commissioner appointed by the Dominion government to enquire into the labor troubles of the Kootenays, arrived in town on Tuesday night. Mr. Clute opened his first court under his present commission in Slocan last week, and was kept fairly busy until Saturday last, having a session every day. He examined some 50 witnesses and among these were mine owners as well as miners. The alien labor law formed the bone of contention.

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attention, but the commissioner explained that the countries whose labor laws did not co-operate with those of Canada would have to be discriminated against. There were several American citizens examined, but their evidence went to show that they did not come to British Columbia under contract. It was not proven that Italians had been imported under the contract system as was rumored. Mr. Clute expressed his opinion that the labor troubles in this country were to be regretted, and hoped that his efforts would tend in this direction. He has a stenographer with him, and all the evidence will be duly submitted to parliament. Nelson Miner.

VANCOUVER.

Mr. White-Fraser, of Ottawa, who was for several months engaged in a survey in the Atlin country, has arrived in the city from the north. He may possibly return again in the spring to complete the work of determining the boundary lines of the north of British Columbia.

Two young men were badly cut up in a scuffle on Wednesday night near the corner of Cambie and Water streets. Both had knives, and for a few minutes blood flowed in a way that looked like damage to some one.

The steamer Cogitum came in on Thursday night with about 30 miners and loggers from up the coast, who have come down to spend the holidays.

A letter has been received by the secretary of the Trades and Labor Council from Mr. William Woodman, Nanaimo, asking if the Council will take part in a meeting to be held in one of the principal coast cities, each city to send a deputation, for the purpose of considering the best means to adopt to prevent the provincial sources of wealth being operated by underpaid and overworked labor. The convention has, since the receipt of the letter, been arranged to take place in Vancouver on December 21st.

The application of Mr. D. G. Macdonell, on behalf of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, for foreshore privileges on the Coal Harbor front, came up on Thursday afternoon at the board of works. A letter accompanied the application from Mr. F. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine, asking what the city had to say in regard to the granting of the foreshore. It was stated in the letter of Mr. Macdonell that the company wanted to build a large mill there, it having secured property just opposite Deadman's island, at the foot of Cardero street. After a short discussion it was decided that the clerk should reply to the letter of the deputy minister, no action had been taken, as the plans of the property had not yet been received.

Der Sing blew out the gas in a Chinese boarding house Wednesday night, and was asphyxiated.

Jose Perer, a Spaniard by nativity, a fisherman who has been on this coast some time, died on Monday, Dec. 11th, at the city hospital, of cancer of the stomach, and was buried yesterday.

The funeral of Alex. Clarke, the man accidentally shot at Stevenson on Monday, took place yesterday, a number of friends of the deceased being in attendance from Stevenson.

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Mining News

Boundary Country.

Twenty men are on the pay roll of the Sunset mine in Deadwood camp. An 80-foot shaft, all in ore carrying free gold, is reported on the Griswold claim, Norway mountain.

A depth of 30 feet has now been attained in the shaft of the Hartford group in Wellington camp.

The 315-foot level has been reached by the double compartment shaft on the Mother Lode, Deadwood camp.

The tunnel on the Mystery claim, Burnt Basin, is now in 100 feet, with the whole face in ore running upwards of \$20.

Drifting from the 130 and 250-foot levels is in progress at the Brooklyn, and good ore bodies are reported in both levels.

A big ledge of pyrrhotite is reported to have been struck on the property of the Summit Gold Mining Company in Summit camp.

It is reported that a 30-foot ledge has been crossed on the Boulder claim near Ehot.

On the Rattinaulsen group in Summit camp the drift from the 200-foot level is in mineralized rock, and it is expected the ledge will be encountered in a few days.

The shaft on the War Eagle is down 30 feet and in ore. Work is being pushed on buildings for boiler and compressor.

A rich strike was made the past week on the Ah-Tere claim in Deadwood camp. It is also reported that some very rich copper ore is being taken out of the St. Lawrence in the same camp.

On the Oro Donoro in Summit camp a tunnel is being put in from the side hill to tap the drift now being run from the 200-foot level.

Last week R. H. Duncan of Greenwood sold the Mountain Chief on Myers creek to J. C. Empey, representing Bayhagen Brown, for \$5,000 cash. The Mountain Chief lies south of the Poland China.

The tunnel on the John Bull claim in the Burnt Basin is run to 170 feet, all in ore, and is opening up richer and larger bodies of mineral all the time.

A boiler, hoist, pump and 10-hp compressor plant have arrived at Greenwood for the Gold Drop mine in Greenwood camp. Judging from the immense bodies of ore recently opened on this property it will be a shipper within the next six months or so.

Work is to be recommenced on the Rambler group in Summit camp. A. G. Davis has completed arrangements for an eight-months' working bond on the property, and will put a force of men at work developing the claims next week.

The tunnel on the Gokoska group is in 70 feet. Seven sets of timbers have been put in, and now the work is in a solid formation of dense, unmineralized being required. It is expected ledge matter will be encountered in another 50 feet.

On the Knob Hill drifting is being done at the 100-foot level. Drifts are being run both north and south of the mine. The Knob Hill is a wonderful property. In the 2,000 feet of work done in tunnel, crosscuts, winze and drifts, every foot is in shipping ore. This is perhaps the largest known mineral deposit in the world. The ledge is over 300 feet in width, proved by crosscut tunnel. The tunnel was run 400 feet in ore, but not at right angles to the ledge.

James Astley, consulting engineer for the Snowshoe, was at the mine last week examining work on the property. The drift at the 200-foot level is in 80 feet and coming into ledge matter. It is expected that the drift will be in ore body in another 25 feet. About 250 feet of drifting and crosscutting have been done at the 200-foot level on the Snowshoe. The drift that is now being run in the direction is intended to strike the surface showing about 100 feet west of the shaft.

John Ferrell made a rich strike on the Bay Horse fraction in Wellington camp last week. For some time he has been running a surface crosscut on a capping, and last week encountered the ledge, which he has uncovered for a distance of 50 feet. The ore is arsenical iron, similar to that taken out of the Winnie, and running over \$100 in all values to the ton. The Bay Horse fraction is an adjoining claim to the Butter Cup and Iron Clad.

On the B. C. in Summit camp there is greater activity than there has been for the past six months, consequent on preparations being made for the shipment of ore. A part of the electric light plant is now at the mine and will be installed as soon as all the machinery arrives. New offices and new bunk houses are being built for the accommodation of the large number of men being employed. Sinking is being continued from the 250-foot level to the 300-foot level, being put down is 744 feet in the clear.

A record in sinking was made in this shaft, it having been put down 70 feet in 23 days, and timbered 50 feet. A winze is also being sunk from the 50 to the 150-foot level. It is the intention to widen the shaft from the surface to the 150-foot level as soon as the present contract has been completed from 150 to 250-foot level. Shipping will be commenced as soon as the dump and ore cars arrive.

Lardens/Trou Lake.

Development is steadily proceeding in the Silver Queen, with it is said, satisfactory results.

At the Nettie L about 100 tons are sacked for shipment, and during the winter it is proposed to ship in all 500 tons of high grade ore.

Two crosscut tunnels to tap the ore recently exposed on the surface are being driven on the Towser, bounded not long ago for \$36,000.

A crosscut tunnel some 120 feet below the main Sunshine tunnel recently, after being extended about 50 feet, reached the vein and high grade ore, the result being most satisfactory in every way.

Small forces are at work on the St. Elmo and Redbird, both of which should make satisfactory shipments during the winter.

The famous Black Bear group of mineral claims, located on Fish creek, have been purchased by Detroit, Mich., and Winnipeg, Ont., capitalists. The exact price paid is not stated, but it is said

to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000. These men have formed a very strong company, and intend pushing development work as rapidly as possible.

At the Silver Cup very rich ore under the old workings has been found, and the lower (100 ft.) 100 feet deeper, has been connected with the old workings.

Malcolm Matheson and Ole Peterson have struck the ledge of the Copper Chief claim on Trout creek, about three miles from Trout Lake City. A tremendous body of ore has been exposed, the width where the lead was cut showing 25 feet of solid ore, technically known as pyrrhotite. From tests made of the charges assays of \$14 in gold have been obtained.

The Lardo-Duncan Gold, Silver & Copper Mining Company has had to close down for the winter, not being able to get sufficient supplies to continue work through that season.

J. W. Westfall, superintendent of the Scottish-Canadian Mining Company, states that the contractors are in 70 feet and will strike the lead in about 10 feet. The ground has been hard, but is softening as they near the lead.

Camp McKinley.

Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 9.—J. Hugo Ross, of Toronto, returned here today from a flying visit to Camp McKinley. Mr. Ross is the secretary of the Safford Cons. Mining & Milling Co., and went expressly to McKinley to inspect a new strike that had been reported on the Safford.

"You can say that Camp McKinley is full of life, the mines are being energetically opened up and machinery is being installed on several properties," he said tonight to the Times correspondent at the Armstrong hotel. "I venture to predict that there will be as great a rush into the camp this winter as there was last. At that time Spokane operators were jumping in, and picking up all available ground surrounding the Cariboo mine, but there is just as good ground left that it will pay anyone to open up."

Regarding the strike on the Safford claim, he informed the correspondent that some splendid ore was being taken out. Some of the quartz was a dark blue, like malikite. The Waterloo ore, and some was a white quartz similar to the Cariboo, with a good showing of galena and iron sulphides. He has some 50 pounds sent to the Toronto office of the company. He could not state what values were in the ore as it had not been assayed in camp and the company's assay outfit had only just arrived.

The Safford claim is developed by a shaft sunk to a depth of 85 feet. At the 75-foot level they ran a crosscut north 35 feet. This crosscut cut through four ledges measuring from a foot to three feet in width. The three-foot ledge was the first encountered, and an easterly drift was run 40 feet. It was from this drift that the good ore was now being taken out. On the same ledge west from the crosscut it had also been drifted north for 35 feet. Throughout both drifts the quartz was good looking. It is said now the sinking of the main shaft to a depth of 145 feet, and open up another level at 150 feet. The company will also install before spring a compressor plant.

On the Rover, also owned by the Safford Cons., the shaft is down 40 feet, in what Mr. Ross describes as fairly good looking ore. They are completing the work necessary to obtain a Crown grant, as it is upon this claim that the company have laid out their townsite. They have also completed the work of bringing the water on to the land for domestic use. A new two-story frame hotel has been completed, and will now be put up for business this week. The company have on their pay roll 20 employees.

Mr. Ross visited the Waterloo and speaks enthusiastically of the good work being done there. The five-stamp mill is in running order and the next clean-up will take place on the 15th of the month. They are going to add another set of stamps and put on machine drills. He visited the mine on the 65-foot level where stopping is on the dump, and in the stopes ready for mining. He was informed that a recent assay, obtained by a private individual went \$333 in gold. Speaking of the stock of this mine, which Mr. Ross considers very low, he called the correspondent's attention to the fact that the miners in McKinley, not only in the Waterloo mine, but working on other properties were investing their earnings in Waterloo.

The completion of the 10-stamp mill, on the Minnehaha has been unavoidably delayed on account of the delay in receiving all their machinery. Some of the parts are yet en route between Penitence and the mine. The buildings are all up and everything is in ship-shape order to start when the balance of the machinery is installed. Drifting is in progress at both the 100-foot and 150-foot levels.

On the upper level they are raising from one of the drifts to the surface. From this portion good quartz is being taken.

All the machinery, with the exception of the pump, which has just arrived, has been installed on the Kamboos. This property adjoins the Minnehaha. When the pump is set up work will be immediately resumed in the sinking of the shaft. Realized and coast capital is largely interested in the property, which is said to have the Minnehaha vein.

At the extreme end of the camp, about two miles from the Cariboo is the Lemon group of five claims. Omaha men are putting up the money for the development of the property. The name of the company is the Lemon Gold Mines of British Columbia. A 200-foot shaft with drifts has opened up a splendid lot of ore and the company is putting up a five-stamp mill to treat it.

Both the Little Cariboo and the Shamnon-Dolphin properties are being developed. It is reported that the Fontenoy, in which the Dunsmuir, of Victoria, are interested, is also taking out good ore. On the Dayton fraction, owned by Greenwood parties, and Hugh Cameron, they have opened up a 10-foot ledge that promises to make a big mine.

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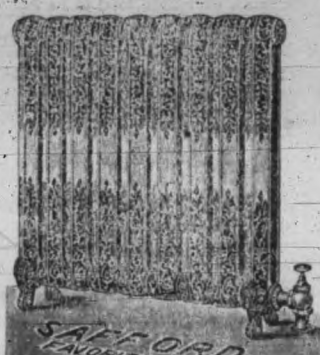
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Dated this 16th day of November, A.D. 1899.

ALFRED KENDALL.

By his attorney-in-fact,

C. A. HOLLAND.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The semi-annual examination of applicants for entrance to a High School will be held in the South Park School Building, Victoria, beginning on December 18th, at 9:30 a.m.

Candidates must be punctual.

ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Superintendent of Education.

Victoria, Dec. 5th, 1899.

NOTICE

Assessment Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City—At Small Debits Court, Lower Courts, City of Victoria, on Friday, the 20th, and Saturday, 21st, days of December, 1899, at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria—At the Royal Oak, on Saturday, the 22nd day of December, 1899, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Saturday, the 13th day of January, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich—On Friday, the 12th day of January, 1900, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt—On Friday, the 22nd day of December, 1899, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

sea on Monday. The Coriolanus cleared yesterday and is awaiting a tug.

British ship Achates, bound to this port from Liverpool, was spoken on the 27th in lat. 4 north, 15 west.

British ship, Rhuddlan Castle, will shortly sail for Cardiff for Esquimaux.

The crew of the steamer Togo Maru were all Japanese, from the master to the seamen.

Hawaiian ship Hawaiian Isles is shortly to leave Esquimaux for the Royal Roads.

The Lorne this morning towed the Park Cavour to the Sound.

Steamer Queen City is due from the West Coast.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The Successful Victoria and Vancouver Candidates.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Those who passed the preliminary examinations for the civil service at Vancouver in November are: David Bayne, Sylvester Home, Thomas H. Cross, Ralph Ingram, Frederick Deery, John Parnell, At Victoria: Henry Hartnall.

Those who passed qualifying at Victoria are: George Kirkendale and Ernest Blake, At Vancouver: A. G. Allan, T. H. Cross, Frederick Deery, William P. Want, Ernest C. Gildersleeve, W. Gargill and C. A. Morris.

TRAIN WRECKED.

Got Beyond Control and Was Ditched—Four Men Killed.

(Associated Press.)

Lowiston, Idaho, Dec. 16.—The bodies of Engineer Arthur E. Baine and Joe A. Ogden, fireman Earl Bradshaw and brakeman A. Budge, all of Spokane, who were on a train wrecked at Lowiston, Idaho, have been taken from a wreck at Highfield Hill, on a branch of the Northern Pacific.

The train, which got beyond control while descending a high grade to Hendrick Hill on rails covered with snow and ice, tore up the track for a quarter of a mile in its mad flight and ditched itself in the yard.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

Coldwater, Dec. 16.—Wolves are reported as being very numerous in this vicinity.

Perry Sound, Dec. 16.—Grave fears are felt for the safety of the steamer Arthur Orr, one of the large Canada Atlantic Railway liners, running between Chilliwack and this port. The vessel is now four days overdue.

St. Catharines, Dec. 16.—William F. La, ex-superintendent of the Welland canal, and a prominent citizen of this place, is dead. He was of U. E. L. descent, and was well known throughout the province.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Charles White, a well known Grand Trunk engine driver, dropped dead while signing his name in the train book at Point St. Charles yesterday.

La Jolla, a new French Canadian Conservative organ, made its appearance this morning.

A METEOR.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 16.—A large meteor flashed over this city at 8:20 o'clock last night. Its trail seemed to burn with a steady light instead of throwing out sparks.

A dispatch received from East Chaffman says the following vessels are bound for the following ports: Ship Lonia Walsh, and Occidental, bark Harvester, Pictou, Germania and Edward May and schooner Endeavor.

Steamer Enercia sailed for Yokohama and Chinese ports at midnight yesterday from Tacoma. She did not call here. The Enercia had a full cargo, principally flour and cotton, valued at \$203,954. She carried 3,784 bales of cotton.

R.M.S. Warrington sailed for Honolulu, Brisbane and Sydney early this morning. She was crowded to the hatches with freight and had many passengers. The list of those who embarked here was published yesterday.

Blackstone Northwest sailed this morning for Santa Rosa with cargo of props, and the schooner Fred J. Woods came into Esquimaux and took her loading berth.

Steamer Tacoma of the N. P. line, which has been chartered from the transport service, arrived at Tacoma this morning to load cargo for the Orient.

British ship Craigmore, which has arrived at Astoria from Coquille, had a narrow escape from going ashore off Long Beach.

Steamer Togo Maru, after passing quarantine, went up to Steveston at midnight to load salmon for the Orient.

Steamer Chelmer left Vancouver at 1:30 p.m. She, connected with the train, which was twenty minutes late.

Salmon ship Klarnay will be towed to

SHELLING BOERS AT MOODER RIVER.

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"The wounded are being attended to temporarily at Bisset's Farm. The Sappers and Miners must have suffered severely.

"The Boers suffered heavy losses in horses.

"I cannot otherwise describe the battlefield than as a sad and terrible slaughter.

"Monday was, for us, a brilliant victory. It has infused new spirit into our men and will enable them to achieve greater deeds."

Magersfontein Casualties.

London, Dec. 16.—The revised list of British casualties at the battle of Magersfontein shows the total to be 963, of which number 70 were officers.

The Black Watch were the heaviest sufferers. Of the rank and file 42 were killed, 182 wounded and 111 are missing.

MAKING SAFE.

Boers Forced to Evacuate Fortifications Near the Town—Military Works Advanced.

Capetown, Dec. 16.—Advices from Bulawayo say that a dispatch from Mafeking, dated December 6th, announced that the scheme of advancing the military works was acting well, and had forced the Boers to evacuate the strong commanding fortifications north-east of the town.

It was added that the British continued pushing back the Boers, and were then working toward their main siege batteries. British casualties were trifling.

The Boer force was then reduced to about 2,000 men, with four field guns and some siege guns.

Baden-Powell's Advice.

Protea, Dec. 13.—Advices from Mafeking say an attack on a small British fort has been made with good results. The fort was demolished.

Heavy cannon firing is proceeding.

Col. Baden-Powell has sent the Boers a notice advising them to lay down their arms and return to their homes. He promised them that protection would be given them as soon as Great Britain should have taken over the Transvaal.

SCENE IN LONDON CLUBS.

How the News of Buller's Reverse at Tugela River was Received.

New York, Dec. 16.—A London cable to the World gives a graphic account of the consternation created at the clubs and among those who kept late hours when Buller's repulse was bulletined at midnight. The ticker service broke down when about 100 words had been transmitted, and club men immediately ordered cabs and rushed to the war office, where the report was posted.

There was no clamor, but men, with garbs in their mouths, declared that the news meant the calling out of all the militia, and that the volunteers must be summoned for duty. Nearly every man who looked over the report on the war office bulletin board went away disgusted.

Clarke M. Powers, the Transvaal representative, said: "It appears to be a Boer victory, but we must be calm. Let us wait and see."

In the Liberal club friends of the Boers said: "Just the same old trap. The British have not fought a white man unaided in this century. The Boers will win their independence. Isn't this a basis for foreign intervention? What more do they want? It's like the American revolution. Chamberlain and the stockbrokers brought on this war, and they are getting enough of it."

Panic on Stock Exchange.

London, Dec. 16.—News of the defeat of Gen. Buller at Tugela River caused a momentary panic in the stock exchange. Immediately after the opening, jobbers started realizing. Prices opened from 1 to 6 points below the closing prices of yesterday, console being down 13. Rand mines were heavily affected, starting at 33, as against yesterday's closing price of 38 1/2.

De Beers opened at 23, as against 27; Chartered at 3, as against 3 1/2, and Goldfields at 3 1/2, as against 7 1/2. Boers were very flat and were freely offered by both local and continental buyers at prices which they found difficult in obtaining. Foreigners moved in sympathy with the other securities. Parisian

stocks, however, held their own comparatively well.

After the first rush the market steadied somewhat.

The market view of the situation are of most serious character, both politically and monetary, the latter mainly because of the delay longer the supply of South African gold.

Two important failures were announced early in the day.

Cabinet Council.

London, Dec. 16.—A hastily summoned meeting of the cabinet was held at the foreign office this afternoon for the purpose of dealing with the war crisis.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, was not present at the meeting.

Proposed New Radical Paper.

Since the anti-war editors were removed from the Chronicle and Echo, no paper has opposed the government's policy out and out, and a movement is on foot in London to start a new Radical daily.

DUTCH DISAFFECTION.

Sir A. Milner Suggests the Declaration of Martial Law in Cape Colony.

New York, Dec. 16.—Lord Salisbury is said to have received a request from Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa, that martial law be declared in Cape Colony, cables a London correspondent to the World.

Lord Salisbury does not wish to grant this request, however, as he believes it would be a confession of weakness. Sir Alfred reports that Dutch disaffection has reached a point where ordinary law is useless to stem it.

CANADIANS ARE READY.

Offer of a Second Contingent Is in the Hands of the Imperial Authorities.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—There was a stir in the city to-day when it was bulletined that the Imperial government had accepted the offer of the Australian government for a second contingent.

Major Hurdman, Capt. Arnold and Lieut. Morrison waited on Gen. Hutton at both services. Sabbath school at 2:30. Junior Endeavor at 10 a. m.; and Senior Endeavor at 8 p. m. Congregational prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

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U. S. Representative's Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Sulzer, of New York, has introduced

in the House a joint resolution declaring a state of war exists in South Africa and according belligerent rights to the Transvaal government.

Churchill Again a Prisoner.

Lorenzo Marques, Dec. 16.—It is rumored that Winston Churchill, the newspaper correspondent who recently escaped from Pretoria, about half way between Pretoria and Portuguese territory.

The Churches.

Services To-Morrow.

St. John's church—Morning prayer at 11 and evening at 7. The preacher at the morning service being the rector, Rev. Percival Jones, and at the evening the Rev. T. R. Price from London, England. After evening, the third of the Advent series of organ recitals will be given.

St. Barnabas church—Holy eucharist, 8 a. m.; matins, 10:30; choral eucharist, 11; choral evensong, 7 p. m., the rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, being the preacher.

Reformed Episcopal—Bishop Oridge will preach in the morning and Dr. Wilson in the evening.

Victoria West Methodist church—Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. D. P. Knox. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m., superintendent, C. G. Gillingham. Bible class teacher, Dr. Lewis Hall.

James Bay Methodist church—Rev. E. Hughes will preach at 11 o'clock. Prayers and testimony meeting at 7 o'clock. Special practice of Christian hymns by Sunday school in the afternoon.

Calvary Baptist church—Pastor, J. F. Vichert, M. A. Services, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor will preach Baptism at evening services. R. Y. P. U., Monday 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday 8 p. m.

Emmanuel Baptist church, Fernwood road and Chatham street—Rev. J. G. Hastings, M. A., pastor. 11 a. m., "Representatives"; 7 p. m., "What Willst Thou?" Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. R. Y. P. U., Monday, 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m.

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Personal.

at the Driford.

I. Burton, a travelling man, of St. Paul, is at Hotel Victoria.

H. R. Smith, of Rossland, registered at the Driford, this morning.

S. Perry Mills returned last evening from a visit to the Terminal City.

Dr. Hewitt Hall was a passenger from Vancouver on yesterday's Chelmer.

R. Jamieson was among the homeward bound Victorians on yesterday's Chelmer.

Chas. E. Penbury, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., of Seattle, is at the Victoria.

W. H. Vickers, of Atlin, came over from Seattle on this morning's boat and is at the Dominion.

John C. Gholier, of Spence's Bridge, is at the Dominion, having come to the Coast for the holidays.

W. C. Wells, M. P. P., arrived in the city last evening, and will remain here until the legislature adjourns.

J. D. Graham, the gold commissioner at Atlin, arrived by this morning's boat from the Sound, and is registered at the Driford.

William Hamilton, proprietor of the Grand hotel, Vancouver, who has been in the city for two or three days, left for home by this morning's boat.

Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., the Conservative leader, arrived in the city last evening. He was accompanied from Vancouver by Sir Chas. Hilbert and Lady Tupper.

Mrs. A. M. Winters, of Seattle, sister of Mr. Stephen Jones, of the Dominion, came over from Vancouver last night and will stay in the city for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

A bevy of sea captains are registered at Hotel Victoria. They include Capt. Frank White of Seattle; James, of the Killarney; Herbert, of the Highland Light; Cameron, of the bark Theobald; and M. Angelo, of Italian bark Cavour.

Mrs. J. H. Fox, Mrs. C. N. Jennings and Miss Forsyth, who arrived from Seattle yesterday to attend the military ball, returned home this morning. They were loud in their praises of the manner in which the local militia makes their guests feel at home.

BERESFORD'S COMMAND.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 16.—Rear Admiral Beresford has been appointed second in command of the British Mediterranean fleet.

Later—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford's appointment to second in command of the Mediterranean fleet has been announced and confirmed.

BIRTH.

SCOVILL—On the 15th inst. at 153 Superior street, the wife of W. D. Scovill, of a daughter, still born.

DIED.

BRECKINRIDGE—On the 15th inst. at the residence of her father, James Barker, Strawberry Valley, Lucy, beloved wife of David Breckinridge, aged 21 years, and a native of Nebraska, U. S. A.

The funeral will take place on Monday, the 18th, from No. 12 Cameron street, this city, at 2 p. m.

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SPORTING NEWS.

THE RING.

CONNELLY WON.

New York, Dec. 15.—At the Broadway Athletic Club to-night Eddie Connelly, of St. John, N. B., has given the decision over Kid McParland, of New York, after 25 rounds of fighting.

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